



August 21st, 2023

Dear Parents:

Boomerang Backpacks is a local nonprofit organization that runs a children’s feeding program designed to help families in NE Indiana with food on weekends that may be struggling at this time. If this program could help someone in your family, please contact us. Although this program may not apply to your personal situation, we appreciate you taking the time to understand the benefits of the program.

Thanks to support from generous private donors and foundation grants, our elementary schools will be offering a program called Boomerang Backpacks. The “backpacks” will be filled with non-perishable foods and sent home on Friday afternoons with your child. Our goal is to provide children with some shelf-stable, easy to handle food over the weekends. This program will be of no cost to you and is supported through contributions from private donors, company sponsorships, grants and volunteers.

Your child will pick up a Boomerang Backpack on Friday afternoon at school in a disposable bag so there is no need to return any supplies each week. We only need your permission and cooperation for your child to participate.

This form needs to be returned to school by [Friday, September 15th](#). The first “backpack” will be sent home on Friday, October 6th.

I/We would like to participate in the Boomerang Backpack program!

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name/ grade of our children in [GRADES Pre-K-5th at Mississinewa](#):

For more information about the organization, please visit the website at www.boomerangbackpacks.org or reach out to Erika Horner, Director of Child Nutrition MCSC @ Erika.Horner@olemiss.k12.in.us or 765.677.4423. In addition to program details, there is also a secure portal for making a contribution if your child is not in need of the program, but you wish to support one of your children’s classmates (anonymously, of course) so they may have food to eat this year. Thank you!