

Browns Point, Crescent Heights, Meeker, and NE Tacoma PTAs are thrilled to tell our families about the

NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition.



What is it? A partnership with Crescent Heights Elementary, NE Tacoma Elementary, Browns Point Elementary, and Meeker Middle School, along with additional community partners that is focused on providing healthy weekend meals to students in need in our community.

A two-day supply of easy-to-prepare food is sent home with eligible students every Friday to ensure they have healthy meals throughout the weekend.

Who is eligible? The Principal and Counseling team at each participating school are working to identify Free & Reduced lunch eligible students to participate. We expect to serve over 100 students every week throughout the school year between the four area schools.

How can you help? We need food donations! In order to aid in equity and ease of packing, we have a specific list of items that we need for the food packs. See the attached list. Consider picking up one of the items on the list at your next shopping trip. Don't want to shop? You can also donate money to the PTA at your local school and it will be specifically used to purchase items for this program. Ask us for more details.

Where do you turn in donations? Look for the NE Tacoma Healthy Kids bins later this month in the lobby at all of the participating schools.

What is the time frame for the food drive? This is an ongoing program throughout the entire school year. We are collecting the suggested food items throughout the year – and there will also be specific events at each of the participating schools to encourage food donations.

How else can you help? The Coalition also needs volunteers! We join other Coalition members once per month to create enough food packs for the entire upcoming month for all four schools. That's over 400 bags per month! We also need helpers to transport donations between schools, volunteers to create food packs, help to inventory food supplies, solicit donations from local businesses and more! If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by emailing us at nethealthykidscoalition@gmail.com.

We are excited to partner to bring our community's schools together on this project. We know our community has a huge heart, and we can't wait to see how we can come together in support of our students!

NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition Food List

In order to maintain equity in the food packs and ease of inventory and packaging, please only purchase items from the list below:

Kraft Mac & Cheese Easy Mac Cups
Chef Boyardee Ravioli Cups
Hamburger Helper Microwave Singles Cups
Chicken Cup O Noodles
Beef Cup O Noodles
Oatmeal Packets (Individual servings)
Juice Boxes (Capri Sun or juice boxes, any variety)
Pudding cups
Fruit Cups
Fruit Snacks
Fig bars (Individual Serving)
Granola Bars
Crackers (Individual Servings)
Chips (Small lunchbox size bags)
Rice Krispy Treats
Cookies (Individual Servings)



All of the above items may be purchased via Amazon, Costco, Fred Meyer, Winco, etc.

Financial donations may be sent to the PTA at any of the participating schools or look for the NE Tacoma Healthy Kids bin in any of the participating schools' lobbies later this month to drop off donations.

THANK YOU for your support of this program!

To volunteer to help or for questions about donating, please reach out to the Coalition at nethealthykidscoalition@gmail.com.