

Arrowhead

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 13, 2013

Paradise Valley Food Bank
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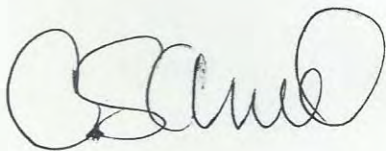
To Whom It May Concern:

For over several years we have had the support of the weekend backpack program through Paradise Valley Food Bank. As an aid to our families, these students receive food to bridge the hunger gap that many families experience over the weekends. Our school serves over 510 students and close to 85 % qualify for free and reduced lunch. Each year we assess the needs of our families and select the most needy to receive the foodbags. The addition of snacks for the weekend allows these families to focus their time and energy on their children, school and work.

We couldn't be happier with the partnership we have with Paradise Valley Food Bank as they support the families throughout our school community. Working together, we attempt to piece the necessary services in place to help parents raise healthy and productive children.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Cindy Selvaggio Schmidt
School Social Worker



Teresa Simmons
Principal



ECHO MOUNTAIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Bennett MacKinney Principal

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To whom it may concern,

Our school has been involved with the Paradise Valley Food Bank for several years. We have sent our families there to receive food. We have also been very blessed to be a part of the weekend backpack program. The majority of our students qualify for our free and reduced lunch program. This is based on their parent's income. The weekend food program greatly benefits families by helping them supplement the food that they would normally get here at school. It helps the parents provide breakfast and lunch over the weekends for their kids. A lot of the kids that benefit from the program come from big families. Many of the parents struggle with their bills. There are times when these parents don't know how they are going to feed their kids. This program allows them to feel confident in the fact that their child will have food over the weekend. This is a great program that you provide for our families and they truly appreciate it. Many families have benefited from this program over the years. We truly appreciate being a part of this program. I wish you could see the way the kids light up when they come to grab their food.

Thanks,

Heather Gonzalez

EMIS Social Worker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Gonzalez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.



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September 26, 2013

Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank,

Please accept our thanks on behalf of our families at Echo Mountain Primary for the generous donation of Friday food bags. We are a full Title I school and have a very high need / low socioeconomic population, most of whom receive free or reduced fee lunch. Our families greatly appreciate the assistance with weekend food and what it provides for their children.

We have participated in the program for several years and your volunteers are always so kind and helpful to us when we are picking up the bags. We are thankful for your willingness to give and the ways this allows us to provide for and assist our Echo Mountain families.

Again, thank you very much. We look forward to the possibility of service for many more years.

Sincerely,

Kari Naegele, LMSW
School Social Worker

Natalie Wilcox
Principal



Larkspur Elementary School
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Our vision for Larkspur is to be a student centered, professional learning community that is dedicated to helping students achieve their highest potential of academic and personal growth.

September 30, 2013

Dear Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank Members:

Through this letter I would like to thank you for your continued generosity and kindness towards our students and their families. I have been the Social Worker at Larkspur for the last eight years, and over that time you have been an invaluable partner to our school.

You have provided assistance to our families in need, every time that they have reached out for help with food and we have sent them your way for a food box. Your volunteers have always been kind to me over the telephone and in person. Our families often relate positive experiences after having their appointments.

Currently we have 75 students that are part of your Friday Food Backpack Program. Students were selected based on financial need. Students in the program look forward to getting their bags full of delicious and nutritious snacks every Friday. You should see the smiles on their faces when they get their bags! Families in our program have a hard time making ends meet for a variety of reasons. The snacks that you provide help parents make sure that their children don't go hungry, when they have to utilize their money to pay for other pressing needs.

There are no words to thank you for the many lives that you have affected in a positive way through your help over the years, but know that we are very grateful for everything that you do.

Sincerely,

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