### MERAMEC ELEMENTARY

### **Food Support Program**

# FOOD DRIVE

## October 13th - November 6th

to benefit the PTO Care Fund—supporting Meramec families in need

The first backpack food program was initiated in 1995 by a school nurse in Little Rock, Arkansas who noticed a large number of children in her clinic who were tired, sick, and falling behind in class because of hunger and food scarcity in their homes—something we hope none of our students must encounter.

The Meramec Food Support Program provides a kid-friendly backpack of vital food and toiletry items to Meramec families in need to be taken home for weekends or long breaks. Your donations will help stock our pantry and keep our Meramec family healthy and able to learn & grow.

juice boxes

individual packets of instant oatmeal

regular-sized peanut butter, jelly or jam

macaroni and cheese

cans of soup or stew

granola bars

small bags of pretzels bags of goldfish crackers

fruit cups or plastic containers of applesauce

fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups

canned green beans, carrots, or corn

individual cereal boxes

Tuna Helper

cans of tuna

pasta

pasta sauce

rice

taco dinner kits

**Stove Top Stuffing** 

Ready Meals by Campbell or Prego

Chef Boyardee Meals

toothpaste

toothbrushes

toilet paper

deodorant

mouthwash

hand sanitizer

combs & brushes

Please, no glass containers.

Which grade will contribute the most?
The winning grade will earn a BONUS RECESS!



#### Questions? Contact a committee chair: