



The School District of Osceola County, FL

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Local Businesses Join School District For "SNACKS For Kids" Program

The Osceola School District is proud to announce the creation of a Snacks for Kids program in an effort to help combat child hunger in our Osceola public schools. Currently, there are approximately 41,000 children receiving free or reduced lunch, which equates to 70% of the district's student population. For some children, the meals they receive at school are the only ones they get during the week. The Snacks for Kids program, coordinated by the OASIS School Volunteer/Business Partner Program, helps to provide qualified students with pocket-size healthy snacks that they can take home and consume at night or on the weekends.

Thanks to the generosity of school and district business partners, the OASIS Department has been able to collect over 500 boxes of snacks, and volunteers are currently working to increase that amount daily. Recently, the PepsiCo/Gatorade plant in Kissimmee donated over 6,700 individually-wrapped oatmeal bars for the program, and Neptune and St. Cloud Middle Schools teamed up to collect 50 boxes at a volleyball game.

"As shown by the generous donation from PepsiCo, our schools and other business partners have already begun joining together to change the lives of our students, and it serves as a reminder that our students are our top priority," said Ryan Adams, Committee Chair of the Snacks for Kids program and Coordinator of Athletics, JROTC, and Drivers Education for the Osceola School District. "It is hard for a child to concentrate on learning and their lessons when the basic needs for food are not met."

Community members and local businesses are invited to join in the collection of boxes of pocket-size healthy snack items, such as granola bars, raisins, or crackers.

Donations of individually-wrapped snacks can be made at the following locations:

- OASIS Department - 803-B Bill Beck Blvd. in Kissimmee
- Dominos - 3171 West Vine Street in Kissimmee
- Dr. Lewis and Mansour Orthodontics - Two office locations: 914 Emmett Street in Kissimmee and 1320 Louisiana Avenue (Suite C) in St. Cloud
- Sweet Tomatoes - 8150 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy. in Kissimmee
- Planet Beach Contempo Spa - 13651 Hunters Oak Dr. (Suite 102) in Orlando
- Massageworks Salon and Day Spa - 216 Broadway in Kissimmee

For more information or to assist in helping to ensure that no student in Osceola County goes hungry, please contact the OASIS office at 407-870-4014.