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The Filling in the Blanks Program has been such a valuable and important program at Stark School. The students who participate in the program not only love the food and look forward to receiving a bag each week but for many the comfort of knowing that they have something to eat on the weekend is unimaginable.

Every Friday morning backpack program is announced over the loudspeaker and the students come running. They love to see what's in their bag and they get excited when they see their favorite foods.

The program has become so popular that other students who have seen the program in action have asked to be part of it also.

The holiday bags were an extra special touch. The student's eyes lit up and they were so thankful when they discovered they had both pancake mix and syrup in their brand new backpack. So often the littlest things that we take for granted in our own lives are the things that make the difference for others!

We feel very fortunate and thankful to have been chosen for this grant and recognize what a great opportunity it is for the entire Stark Community. Thanks to all the many hands that have made this program possible.

Gratefully,

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