

**FEBRUARY IS HILL'S "BRIDGE THE GAP" MONTH
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS "BOUNTY IN A BACKPACK")**

In February, Hill will be collecting non-perishable food donations for a great program that serves the most at-risk students in the Troy School District. This weekend meal program provides “bridge food” for families that are at risk for food scarcity on weekends during the school year. Last year 80 Troy families were served weekly through this program. Hill has participated for approximately 10 years, and the PTO is happy to coordinate this food drive for our sponsor month. We may be one of the smallest schools in the district, but our hearts are big and our donations toward this program are very much appreciated. Each grade at Hill is asked to send in a particular type and quantity of non-perishable food. We'll collect the whole month of February and deliver our food drive collection the first week of March. The Troy Optimist Club and other volunteers package and distribute food to the at-risk students.

We are collecting the following items starting Feb 1 and no later than Feb 28:

Kindergarten: 120 boxes of Macaroni & Cheese, 60 packages of juice boxes (10 in a pack)

First grade: 120 cans of fruit, 60 boxes/bags of rice or pasta

Second grade: 120 cans of vegetables, 60 boxes of cereal (this is in high demand)

Third grade: 100 cans of Spaghettios (prefer non-meat kind), 50 boxes of Saltine crackers (4 in a pack)

Fourth grade: 75 packages of granola bars or fruit snacks (8-12per box), 75 jars of peanut butter (18-oz, plastic jar)

Fifth grade: 60 boxes of cereal (this is in high demand), 120 packages of Ramen noodles

We have boxes in the front hallway marked by grade for your donations. Every item feeds families in Troy.