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School program honored by state

The Backpack Food Program will celebrate friends and supporters at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Oceanlake Elementary in Lincoln City. Oregon State Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo will attend to honor the community school partnership.

"The Lincoln City community is doing great things," said Castillo. "Within a year, the Backpack Food Program has gone from helping 10 to 12 children a week to helping over 100 children a week, providing each child with a backpack full of food for the weekend. By ensuring that kids are not hungry, the program makes sure that students can focus more on their studies."

Castillo said teamwork and partnership are wise investments "in our schools, our students, their families and our communities."

"When we pool our resources and services, we ensure that each and every child is given the best chance to succeed," she noted. "When every community puts education first, then the needs of all children are met through the work of family members, community members, and school leaders."

Interested parties can RSVP for the open house by calling Pat Robertson or Karen Drummer at 994-5296.