

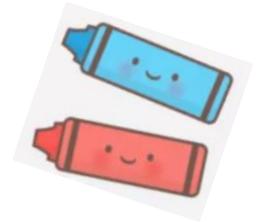
SASKTEL PIONEERS POWER PACKS

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Summary of Project:



- This project is about providing educational tools to elementary school students.
- Bridge City Pioneers allocate \$5000 to spend on school supplies.
- We currently partner with Staples and do a bulk order at the end of the spring. They order, and deliver all the items that we need.
- We fill 350 back packs, and distribute them amongst 3 schools that have students with a need for a project like this.
- The SaskTel Employees and Pioneer members help us offset the cost by fundraising all summer (bake sales, chili day, raffles, etc). They also donate school supplies, which reduced our cost when we do our bulk buy from staples.
- Employees and Pioneers then help us fill each pack and volunteer to help with deliveries.





Project Tasks:

- Count the current supplies (the supplies donated by employees and pioneers after we do our bulk order from staples, often goes towards the following year to help cut down on costs).
- Once I have a count, I send staples the a list of how many, and what type of items I need.
- I contact Darryl at Chapter to order the back packs and arrange delivery.
- Once the items have arrived at staples, I organize to have the pallets delivered to the Saskatoon CRC.
- When supplies arrives, I organize a group of a few volunteers to unload the boxes and move them to the lunch room (our prepping hub for the summer).
- Supplies is organized by each item, and I create a checklist for each pack back (list of items and amounts of each item that go in each pack).
- I call on volunteers to help me fill 350 packs, and people graciously sacrifice their breaks and lunch hours to make sure each bag is filled.
- I coordinate times with the Community Coordinators at each school to drop the packs off (typically delivered mid September as the first few weeks of school tend to be busy).



Project Success:

This Project has been a success for over 10 years. I believe that is because of the time spent stream lining the steps to successfully complete this project, the amazing volunteer turn out every year, and need from the schools and students who benefit from the project.

- Ordering all the supplies we need from one place at the start of each Power Pack year has hugely contributed to our success. Knowing that we have everything we need longer before delivery, allows peace of mind and an abundance of time to prepare each pack.
- The emotional connection that this project has to our employees and Pioneer members is obvious when I see how eager people are to donate their time, money, and efforts to ensure we succeed each year.
- The feed back we get from the teachers, Community Coordinators, and students is heartfelt and re-assuring that the time, money, and effort was well worth it.

Media Mentions:

Power Packs have received many Media Mentions over the years:

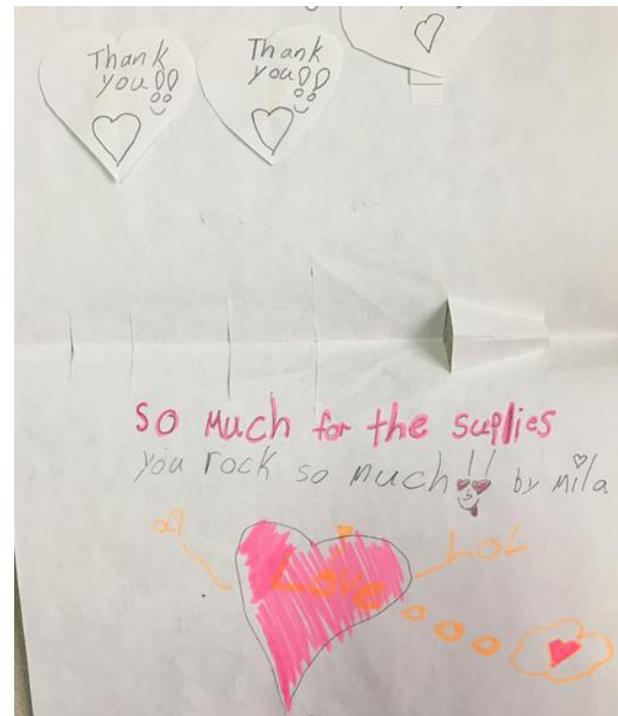
- **External mentions are typically with in the school newsletters**
- **Internal mentions are often on the Source or in NetNotes**



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Pioneer Recognition:

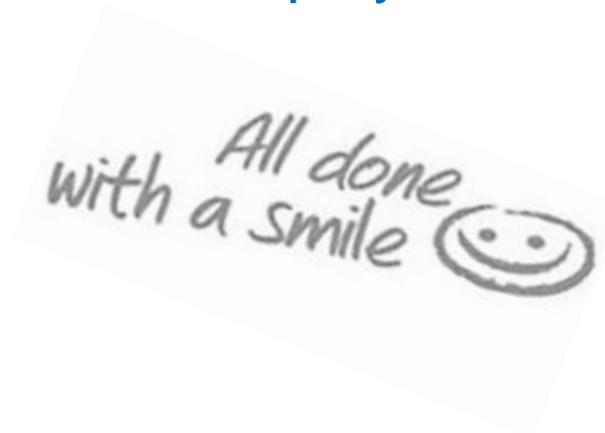
SaskTel Pioneers received recognition for this initiative through internal and external media mentions, and from the students. We often receive a pile of handmade cards from the students who benefit from this project.



Project Completion Info

This project typically starts in June and wraps up in mid September.

There are many volunteers who participate each year. They are made up of SaskTel employees and Pioneer members.



What could be improved?

Although I believe this project has improved immensely since its inception, there are always ways to continue to improve.

Something that I would like to see improve for our 2018 Power Packs, is tracking volunteer hours. This is something I struggle with when coordinating the project because there are so many people who volunteer for various amounts of time. Some for 15 minutes, some for hours. Often volunteer time is spread out through out the duration of the project start and end.

I am brain storming ideas to make this process easier for the volunteers that I appreciate so much.



Additional Info

This project means a lot to me, and I find new joys in its success every year.

The feedback we receive from the people who benefit from Power Packs is sincere and motivates me to try to make it the best it can be.

The volunteers that make this project possible are incredible and I believe this project gives them something back too.

I hope you consider the Power Packs Project when you are deliberating, despite my lack of power point skills.



THANK YOU

