



## News Release

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# Kaiser Permanente Donates Backpacks and Supplies to Baldwin Park Students

**BALDWIN PARK** – Volunteers from Kaiser Permanente’s Baldwin Park Medical Center are busy sorting through more than 800 backpacks and school supplies to give to Baldwin Park Unified students before the academic year begins.

For Kaiser Permanente’s eighth annual Backpack and School Supply Donation Campaign, doctors, nurses and other hospital employees are donating backpacks and grade-specific school supplies to Sierra Vista High, Sante Fe Elementary and Sierra Vista Junior High.

The drive started at the end of May and, since then, more than 18 Kaiser Permanente departments have gathered notebooks, binders, highlighters, pens, flash drives, index cards and art supplies to fill every backpack.

Backpacks will be picked up by the District on Tuesday, July 25 and divvied among the three sites. Students will pick up supplies in early August:

- Sierra Vista High School: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1
- Sante Fe Elementary: 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3
- Sierra Vista Junior High: 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4

Baldwin Park Unified teamed up with Kaiser Permanente in 2009 to ensure students would be ready to start the school year with backpacks filled with necessary supplies. Each year, three new schools are selected. About 86 percent of students at Baldwin Park Unified come from low-income households.

“We are so grateful to the staff and medical personnel at Kaiser Permanente for their hard work in making sure our students start the school year prepared and ready to learn,” Baldwin Park District Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. “This invaluable partnership helps us to meet the needs of our schools and community.”

Baldwin Park Unified returns to school on Aug. 14.

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