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### **New Digital Backpack Information**

Great news! Region 14 is proud to announce that we are moving to a “Digital Backpack” system beginning on November 4, 2016. This will further our efforts to reduce the amount of paper used in our school district.

Paper communications that were previously sent home with students will be found on the Region 14 website’s Digital Backpack page.

#### **What does this mean for parents and/or guardians?**

Every Friday, **beginning November 4**, parents and/or guardians will receive an email reminder with a link to the Region 14 Digital Backpack page.

The Digital Backpack page will contain links and downloadable PDFs with information from each school, the district and community. The Digital Backpack will also have links to the District and School calendars and news pages.

#### **Benefits of moving to a digital platform?**

- 1) Allows unlimited access to the latest information 24/7
- 2) Reduces the potential of not receiving important information due to lost forms/flyers
- 3) Fosters open communications within our school community
- 4) Helps reduce our carbon footprint to keep future generations healthy

We understand that going straight to a paperless system will be challenging in the beginning, especially for K-5 parents who are used to the “Friday Folders” that come home with their students each week.

Although, the Digital Backpack will be live on November 4, K-5 Friday Folders will continue going home through to November 23. As of December 2, paper copies will no longer be used. Student work will still go home with students.

To guarantee that you receive the weekly Digital Backpack email reminders, please ensure your InfoSnap registration is up to date by registering online:

<https://www.ctreg14.org/studentsparents/powerschoolinfosnap>

Thank you for supporting our ongoing efforts to help the environment and as always, your feedback is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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