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BEVCOMM Offers Free School Supplies

Summer is nearly over and kids are trading in their beach towels for backpacks as they gear up for a new school year. While most children anticipate heading back to school, some parents worry about juggling the cost of school supplies with the family budget.

With this in mind, BEVCOMM will distribute FREE school supplies to children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Stop by any local BEVCOMM office August 3 – August 31 and pick up FREE school supplies. You'll find bags packaged with pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, notebooks, and more. Supplies are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

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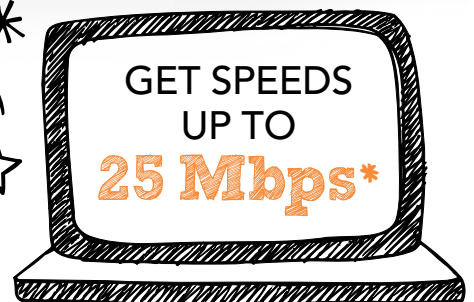


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