

USDA EXTENDS FREE MEALS FOR KIDS WAIVER THROUGH DECEMBER, 2020

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We recently learned that the USDA has extended the federal waiver allowing for all students, ages 0 to 18 in our community, to eat school lunch and breakfast for FREE through December 2020, or until the federal funding would run out to finance this waiver extension.

What does this mean for our enrolled students?

- Starting Monday, September 14th, all students will be able to eat school lunch and breakfast for FREE through December of this year or until federal funding would run out.
 - This FREE meal option only applies to the daily meal being provided through our food service contractor, OPAA!.
 - Students would still need to pay for any ala carte items they wish to eat.
 - Students would still be charged for ordering any 'extras' with the daily meal provided by OPAA!.

- Virtual students are also welcome to acquire FREE meals each day.
 - We ask that virtual students contact Food Service Director, Jennifer Parks, by emailing jparks@opaafood.com or by calling 816-294-1551 to sign up for meal pick up.
 - Please note that virtual students that sign up for meal pick up will need to ensure that meals are picked up each day between 12:00 and 12:30 at the Athena Entrance (we will have this entrance marked).
 - Meals provided each day will be the "hot" lunch option. Be sure to check the daily menu by going to the district's website, www.midbuchanan.k12.mo.us then click on 'Departments', 'Food Service', and then 'Food Menus'. From that point click on either the elementary link for the high school link.

- Children in our community ages 0-18 that are not in school are also eligible to sign up for meal pick up as part of the federal waiver extension.
 - Please contact Food Service Director, Jennifer Parks, by emailing jparks@opaafood.com or by calling 816-294-1551 if you are a community member with a child or children, ages 0-18, and would like to sign up for this program.
 - Please note that 0-18 community children that sign up for meal pick up will need to ensure that meals are picked up each day between 12:00 and 12:30 at the Athena Entrance (we will have this entrance marked).
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