

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUATION OF SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

We have some exciting news to share! This week the United States Department of Agriculture decided to extend the Summer Food Service Program through December 31, 2020 or as funding allows. The continuation of the Summer Food Service Program will allow Bedford County Public Schools and school divisions across the nation to continue to serve free meals to all children regardless of income.

BCPS will begin providing free breakfast and lunch to learners next week as the school year begins. This benefit applies to those learners who are attending school in person and learners who have chosen the 100% remote Bedford Connects option. Please be advised that the first day that a learner has access to meals is whatever day that is scheduled as their first school day.

Elementary school buildings begin on Tuesday, September 8th

Middle school buildings begin on Wednesday, September 9th

High school buildings begin on Thursday, September 10th

There is a designated curbside pickup time at each school for the Bedford Connects learners. Please refer to the curbside meal pick up information for details. Please understand that pick up times and locations may change as we find out exactly how many families plan to participate with meal service. Families may pick up from the school closest to where they live. Please be advised that curbside service will begin at elementary school buildings on Tuesday, September 8th, at middle school buildings on Wednesday, September 9th and at high school buildings on Thursday, September 10th.

A survey was sent to the families of our Bedford Connects learners, with a low return rate. Since we do not have a clear picture of exactly how many Bedford Connects families may come to pick up meals, we ask for patience and understanding as we adjust.

If you plan to pick up meals for your Bedford Connects learner and they have any food allergies, please ensure that you share this information with the school nutrition curbside pickup staff members.

If you have already added funds to your child's school meal account, please be advised that the funds will remain in place for future use. USDA has not guaranteed any extension of the Summer Meals Program after December 31, 2020. Unless they provide additional funding and another extension of the program, the school nutrition program will revert back to School Breakfast and National School Lunch guidelines in January and not all students will receive free meals.

If you have not submitted a 2020-2021 free and reduced meal application, please be sure to do so. If the Summer Food Service Program is not extended after December, you will need to have a current free and reduced meal application on file to qualify for meal assistance. The preferred method of applying for free and reduced meals is online. The online meal application can be found on the main BCPS webpage at bedford.sharpschool.net.

We hope that this wonderful news will continue to help the families in our community! The School Nutrition Program is looking forward to serving you in the upcoming school year! If you have any questions pertaining to this information or any other meal service questions, please contact Karen Arthur, School Nutrition Supervisor at karthur@bedford.k12.va.us or 540-586-1045 ext. 10224.

Curbside Meal Pick Up

| SCHOOL NAME | PICK UP TIME | PICK UP LOCATION |
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| Bedford Elementary | 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Side entrance of school under covered walkway |
| Bedford Primary | 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Side entrance of school at car rider drop off |
| Big Island Elementary | 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building |
| Boonsboro Elementary | 11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. | Side entrance of school at car rider drop off |
| Forest Elementary | 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. | Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building |
| Goodview Elementary | 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Cafeteria entrance located in front of building |
| Huddleston Elementary | 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building |
| Moneta Elementary | 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Front entrance of school |
| Montvale Elementary | 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. | Cafeteria Door located in front circle of school building |
| New London Academy | 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Bus drop off entrance at the back of the school building |
| Otter River Elementary | 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Cafeteria entrance located in bus loop |
| Stewartsville Elementary | 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Side entrance located next to cafeteria |
| Thomas Jefferson Elementary | 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Cafeteria entrance located in front of building |
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| Forest Middle | 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Bus Loop Drop Off |
| Liberty Middle | 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Door D23 located in bus drop off area |
| Staunton River Middle | 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Front office entrance |
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| Jefferson Forest High | 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. | Auditorium Loop |
| Liberty High | 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. | Cafeteria entrance located behind school |
| Staunton River High | 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Cafeteria entrance located behind school |