November 20, 2020

Dear Benton Area School District Families,

Access to meals is a necessity and is fundamental to supporting the educational outcome of students. The Benton Area School District is now offering FREE breakfast and FREE lunch (available for pick up) to all students, beginning December 1, 2020.

Who is eligible to pick up meals?

Any student/child in the Benton community age 18 or under (regardless of whether the child is enrolled in the school district). The meals will be <u>FREE</u> for all students <u>until June 30, 2021</u> or until funding is no longer available.

What is included in the breakfasts and lunches?

Breakfast will include milk, a fruit, or juice and the main entrée will be cereal or a nutritional pastry. Lunches will include items that will need to be reheated. They will contain a main entrée (such as pizza, chicken patty sandwich, etc.), fruit, vegetable, and milk.

When can I pick up the meals?

Tuesdays & Fridays from 11:00-12:00 at the High School Front Entrance

On Tuesdays, each student will receive 3 lunches (for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) and 3 breakfasts (for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday).
On Fridays, each student will receive 4 lunches (for Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday) and 4 breakfasts (for Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Tuesday).

I'm interested! What do I need to do to pick up meals for my virtual student(s)? Please click this link to sign up for the meals. Requests received by November 25 will begin meal pick up December 1. Any requests received after November 25 will begin the following Tuesday after the initial request is received.

Do I need to sign up each week?

You only need to sign up once. We will continue to prepare meals for your student(s) until you contact us to cancel this service or your student returns to inperson instruction.

If you have any questions please contact Michele Hicklin, Food Service Director, at

570-925-6651 Ext. 3009 or nutrition@bentonsd.org.

Sincerely,

Michele Hicklin Food Service Director

