

End of January News from Nutrition Services:

Breakfast and Lunch for each student continue to be FREE through the end of the 2020-2021 school year!

Students still to go through the lunch lines, but no charges will be added to their accounts. Likewise, no charges will appear for a breakfast taken each day. This is all thanks to an extension of the waiver issued by the USDA to all schools nationwide. Families are encouraged to take full advantage of this convenient, delicious and cost effective opportunity!

******Free meals still apply to both in school and remote meals, for Hybrid learners and Fully Remote learners alike. ******

REMOTE MEALS –BOTH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO GO!

Each month, Remote Meals menus are published to coordinate with our in school menus to provide a variety of tasty and nutritious meals. For easy access to ordering our Remote meals, here is the link:

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH52ZHKK082DN_ZZ2N0LD8US7PIEO

This school year, pre ordering is required if you wish to pick up meals for remote days for your student.

******Last month, we started SPLITTING***

EACH WEEKS MEALS INTO 2 PICK UP DAYS***

In response to concerns from parents that 5 days' worth of meals is a lot to handle and store at once, we will be converting our program into 2 separated pick up/ delivery days each week.

The first pick up/ delivery day of the week will remain on Monday. On this day, 2 days of meals (2 Breakfast, 2 Lunches) will be available.

The second pick up/ delivery day will become Wednesday. On this day, 3 sets of meals (3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches) will be available.

This new routine will also coordinate better with the return to Hybrid learning and associated routines for the production of meals for in school students, as well as increasing the freshness of the meals that are sent out.

When you visit the Online Order site at the blue link listed above, you will notice that the question regarding whether your student is a Hybrid or Fully Remote learner is back. Please read through the instructions carefully and be sure to order for both days if you wish to receive all of the meals for a given week.

Bus Delivery will continue to be available once we return to Hybrid Learning. Please make the "Delivery to Bus Stop" selection on each day that you order for if this is your desire.

The normal cut off for ordering Remote meals TUESDAY NOON the week before you wish to schedule pick up. Meals ordered after this time will NOT be available for pick up the following week.

The time window for picking up meals is 11:00 AM until Noon on Monday and Wednesday. at the Raymond High School kitchen entrance.

BUS DELIVERY is STILL available as well!

When in the online order system, you will see that there are 3 options- Pick up at RHS, Delivery to the Bus Stop, or No Thank You today. Please be sure to select delivery and include your address if you wish to have your meals delivered to the Bus Stop. The bus leaves RHS between 10:30 and 10:45 on its route. You will be called when the team is at the last stop before yours, so that you will know when you need to come out to meet it.

It is important that you come on the days selected within the 11:00-12:00 time period as we are also serving meals to High School Students on those days. The pickup window is scheduled in-between lunches.

If for any reason you are unable to pick up your meals, please contact us. The district cannot receive reimbursement for meals that are ordered and not picked up. We will try to contact someone on our call back list to take advantage of these meals and avoid creating food cost and waste for the Raymond Schools.

Please contact Judy DiNatale, Nutrition Service Director at 603-895-6616 x2345 if you have any questions.

Please continue to reapply for Free or Reduced Price Meals if you might qualify. Even though meals are free, it still has benefits to your household and to our district.

REASONS TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS ELIGIBILITY, EVEN WHILE MEALS ARE CURRENTLY FREE:

~ Free or Reduced eligibility confirmation letters are often used as a means of determining a discount for camps and non-school program fees. They have to be from the current school year.

~They also are used to get HS students waivers of fees for SAT's, waivers or reduced fees on many College applications and other entrance exams. Again, the current school year is required.

~The current year letters are proof for eligibility of Comcast Essentials, a discounted household internet access plan. The link is: <https://www.internetessentials.com/> Currently, they are offering the first 2 months free if set up before December 31, 2020. After that, you may need that Free & Reduced eligibility letter.

~Free and Reduced eligibility population information is used by the State and Federal government in some funding allocations and grant eligibility. LEAP and Title 1 are the two most widely recognized examples of this.

The sooner Free or Reduced status is confirmed; the sooner these benefits are available. While meals may currently be free, applications for Free and Reduced Price meals now can still have an impact for the Raymond Schools ahead of January.

ONLINE APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEALS MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER TO APPLY!

If you received your 2020-2021 application for Free & Reduced price meals but have not yet submitted it, there is now a faster, easier option. MySchoolApps, is another offering from the same company that provides us with MySchoolBucks for online payments and meal ordering.

MySchoolApps asks for the same information as the paper application, in an easy to follow and fill in format. It also is set up so that you must fill in all required fields, so that no one accidentally submits an incomplete application delaying eligibility determination.

Please visit the following link, and contact Judy DiNatale, Nutrition Service Director at 603-895-6616 x2345 if you have any questions.

https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/DistrictRedirect/RAYMOND_NH?langid=1

Please remember that it is still important to apply as soon as you believe that you may be eligible.