

La traducción al español seguirá en breve. (The Spanish translation will follow shortly.)

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Dear Durand-Arkansaw School District families:

FREE MEALS: This week the USDA announced that it is extending the universal free breakfast and lunch program thru this fall. Click here to see the press release: [USDA Press Release](#). All Durand-Arkansaw School District students are eligible to have breakfast and lunch at school at no cost to their families. There are no income guidelines for participation in the program. No sign up is necessary, as all students are automatically eligible. The program will be in effect until December 31st or until funding runs out.

The free meals program begins immediately. Meal charges for September 1 and 2 will be credited back to families' food service accounts in the coming days. We will be implementing the procedures as soon as possible after we receive instructions from the USDA through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

It is important that families continue to turn in the free and reduced lunch applications, as that is still the basis for many of our grants including Title I, the AGR program, and other state and federal funding sources. Completed forms will also ensure that paperwork is up-to-date for when the program ends (either on January 1 or sooner if funding runs out). The information about and application for free and reduced meals can be found on our website under the Food Service tab, or click here: [DASD Food Service](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page. Applications need to be submitted by October 1st in order to ensure continuity in food service status. If there is a change to your family's financial status because of job loss or other factors, you can also submit the application at that time.

We will continue to complete lunch counts in the classrooms each day, as we need those numbers in order to be reimbursed by the state and federal governments. We also need the lunch counts in order to know how much food to prepare and who signed up to receive the meals that day.

Extra Milk (at DHS) or Milk Only will continue to be charged at the normal rate. While we are currently not able to offer a la carte items or extra entrees, when we are able to offer these, they will be charged at the regular food service rates (and are not free). Please keep a positive balance in your food service account if your children will be making these types of purchases.

SHUTTLE BUSES: Pape Bus has informed us that they will be offering a shuttle bus from DHS to Caddie Woodlawn Elementary School in the mornings. Students need to be at the high school by 7:50 a.m. to ride the shuttle bus to Caddie. To ride the afternoon shuttle bus from Caddie to the high school, students should board the Bee bus.

Thank you,

The Durand-Arkansaw Administrative Team:

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