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## School Meals at No Charge for All Children

Effective immediately, Martinsville City Public Schools will be serving meals at no charge to children 18 and under. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved waivers for local school divisions and other federal meal program sponsors to implement the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals to children in the community free of charge from Tuesday, June 1, 2021 through Saturday, August 7, 2021. The waivers support access to nutritious meals while minimizing exposure to COVID-19. Meals are available to all children including those learning in-person or virtually and regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

For information regarding meal distribution, visit our Martinsville City Public Schools website at www.martinsville.k12.va.us.

Meals will be provided, on a first come, first served basis at the following times and locations:

- 1) Clearview Early Learning Center 800 Ainsley Street; Martinsville, VA 24112; Beginning on Tuesday, June 1, to Friday, July 2, 2021, Breakfast and Lunch will be available to students Monday Friday. Students will receive multiply meals on Thursday for Friday. Meals will be available from 8:00 am to 11:45 am.
- 2) Martinsville High School 351 Commonwealth Blvd., Martinsville, VA 24112; Beginning on Tuesday, June 1, to Friday, July 23, 2021, Breakfast and Lunch will be available to students Monday Friday. Students will receive multiply meals on Thursday for Friday. Meals will be available from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- 3) Martinsville Middle School -- 201 Brown St.; Martinsville, VA 24112; Beginning on Monday, June 7, to Friday, June 25, 2021, Breakfast and Lunch will be available to students Monday Friday. Students will receive multiply meals on Thursday for Friday. Meals will be available from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm.
- 4) Patrick Henry Elementary School 1810 Church St.; Martinsville, VA 24112; Beginning on Monday, June 7, to Friday, July 2, 2021, Lunch and Snack will be available to students Monday Friday. Students will receive multiply meals on Thursday for Friday. Meals will be available from 9:30 am to 12:45 pm.
- 5) Albert Harris Elementary School 710 Smith Road; Martinsville, VA 24112; Beginning on Monday, June 7, to Saturday, August 7, 2021, Lunch and Snack will be available to students Monday Friday. Students will receive multiply meals on Thursday for Friday. Meals will be available from 9:30 am to 12:45 pm.

Back to School Events @ Albert Harris Elementary School:

- a) Saturday, July 10, 2021 Breakfast and Lunch from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- b) Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Breakfast and Lunch from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- c) Saturday, August 7, 2021 Breakfast and Lunch from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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