

Nov. 24, 2020

December free meals deadlines approach, program to continue over Christmas

Morton School District 709, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will continue the free lunch and breakfast program in December, including the Christmas holiday.

All Morton children ages 1 to 18 – not just District 709 students -- are eligible for the program, regardless of family income.

Families interested in participating must sign up for the program every month. The deadline for December is noon Friday, *Nov. 27*. For parents with students attending school in person, there is no need to register, but all others must fill out a short form here.

Families without children in school can pick up their weekly meals between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on all Mondays in December at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton High School, 350 N. Illinois Ave. There will be five lunches and breakfasts per child.

If you wish to receive meals over the holiday, the deadline to let us know is Thursday, Dec. 10. Parents of students attending schools in person must register here. Families who receive December meals for remote students do not need to sign up a second time for these holiday meals.

Holiday pickup times are between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21 and on Monday, Dec. 28 at Bertha Frank.

If you have questions, please direct them to Kristina Klein, operations supervisor at Arbor Management, kristina.klein@mcusd709.org or 309-284-6320, or to Amy Zimmerman at the Morton District Office, amy.zimmerman@mcusd709.org or 309-284-8070.

This USDA program is a carryover from the free lunch program instituted last spring in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue through the end of the school year, which ends in June 2021.

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