

March 1, 2021

Free meal program continues over Easter break

Morton School District 709, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is continuing its free meal program through the remainder of the school year, including over spring break, which starts March 29.

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

Families who wish to participate and have students *attending school in-per*son – at District 709 public schools and at Morton's Bethel Lutheran School – must sign up for the Easter week meals through this link, with a deadline of **March 19**.

Meanwhile, families of children who do not attend school in person may continue in the meal program as they have before. They do not have to register again for the spring break meals.

For all participants, five days of breakfast and lunch will be distributed between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Monday, **March 29**, at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton High School, 350 N. Illinois Ave.

As for our April meals, please remember that the registration deadline for children not in school is noon Friday, March 26. The sign-up form is here.

Should 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 year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue through May 2021.

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