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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A healthy lunch is a critical component to the overall educational experience, nourishing the body and setting the stage for a day of learning and knowledge retention. During the spring Covid-19 school closure, we distributed over 23,000 meals to our students.

Moving forward into the 2020-2021 school year utilizing several different modes of food service. Elementary school students will be able to purchase breakfast and lunch through the cafeteria. All lunches will be made daily in the cafeteria and then delivered to the classrooms. The selections will be limited to 1 hot and 3 cold meal choices to allow for grab and go processing in the classroom. All of the mandated nutritional components will be part of our student meals.

FD Mealplanner is the current menu system used to design the monthly menus for our district and can be found at [Menus will be found online at https://www.fdmealplanner.com/](https://www.fdmealplanner.com/). This platform is used by our vendor and designed by the Fulcrum Group Corp. Fulcrum has also added an online pre-ordering system which is tied directly to the menu and will provide nutrition information as well as allergy alerts. Parents will be encouraged to log on and preorder their students meals the Friday prior to the start of the new week; the new pre-order system can be utilized daily, weekly, or monthly.

Considering current circumstances, we are encouraging parents and students to utilize their pre-paid lunch account, which can be found at www.myschoolbucks.com. You can pay for your children's school lunches online securely and quickly. This will eliminate the transfer of cash and provide for contactless payment processing. In addition to making payments online, you will be able to monitor what your child is purchasing in the cafeteria on a daily basis.

We will have meals available for all students that have chosen to do full Distance Learning, as well as the students that are on remote learning days three days a week. Meal pick-up will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. These meals are not free to all students. They are available to all but costs are dependent upon a student's status with the lunch program (free/reduced/paid). This will carry over to the pick-up program, unlike how the program ran in the spring pick up. Pickup will be at the High School (outside the

cafeteria) and Clayton Huey Elementary (in the bus loop) between the hours of 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Please note that student ID number will be required for meal distribution. This meal service is only for students registered with the Center Moriches School District. Meals are to be prepaid or paid for at time of pick up. We will not be able to provide change at these pick up points so it is encouraged to bring exact or a check for the exact amount if prepayment is not made. Parents/guardians, or students can pick up the meals.

Finally, Free/Reduced applications are available on the district website. All families that qualified for this program at the end of the 2019-2020 school year must reapply in order to avoid any interruption in benefits. Throughout the spring closure of school all students were eligible for free meals. However, only students with approved application on file will continue to get free/reduced meals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Keri Loughlin

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