

Dear ELGS Parents and Students – A Message from Dr. Buechel Haack,

Two weeks are almost in! Thank you all for a very successful reopening of our schools. It feels so good to have students again in our buildings. You can feel the excitement and energy--and not just on the part of the students. The staff is excited too! I am so proud of all the work our staff has done and is continuing to do to make our reopening safe, productive, and a positive experience. It's still a "work in progress" as we refine and modify procedures and practices, but we're definitely on the right track. Also I'd like to send a huge "Thank You" to all the families that have prepared their children to return—whether on-site or virtually. Let the learning process begin!!!

BREAKING NEWS – FREE LUNCHES BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER

14! We've all heard the expression, "There's no such thing as a free meal—well, there now is!!! **The USDA announced it will provide flexibility to the schools meals program which will allow ELGS to provide FREE MEALS to all children in the ELG School District (18 years old and under) through December 31st 2020 or until the funds run out.** As ELGS joined the National School Lunch Program as of September 1, 2020, we are now eligible to participate in program offerings such as this.

What does this mean? **All ELGS students/children will be offered a FREE lunch—Child Care students also.** This will begin Monday, September 14 at all levels – High School, Middle School, Elementary School and Child Care. **If students who participate virtually would like to take advantage of these lunches, they should call the High School office to place their order by 9:00 a.m. (876-3381). Meals can then be picked up from the High School Office from 11:30-11:55. The High School is the only pick-up spot for meals, regardless of the age of the student.**

As a parent or guardian, what do I have to do? You do not have to do anything. There will be no lunch tickets needed for this meal. However, parents may choose to send additional "snack food" to supplement lunch. Also ala' carte items will still be on sale at the middle and high school levels if students would wish to purchase additional food items to supplement their noon meal and/or to have "snacks" available for later in the day.

For students eating the school-provided lunch, one milk will be provided free of charge with the meal. However, milk tickets will still be required if students wish to have more than the one free milk, bring their own cold lunch and want to purchase a milk and/or have milk at milk break time. These should be continued to be purchased following the procedures currently in place.

Students will be required to "sign up" for lunch each morning so adequate food can be prepared. Procedures for this process will be shared with the students at each level.

What should students do with the meal tickets they have already purchased?

Keep them! This program will end on December 31—if not sooner, so after that time, tickets will again be needed for students to each lunch.

What comes with each meal? Each meal will have a “main meal” item, a vegetable, a fruit, and a milk. Also a PBJ and/or cold sandwich alternative will also be available for those students who would prefer this in place of the main meal item.

Following is the menu for the next two weeks – the Main Meal Item is listed; in addition each meal also contains vegetable, fruit and milk

Monday, Sept. 14 – Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun w/ Ranch
Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun w/ Ketchup
Wednesday, Sept. 16 -- Pancake-Sausage Roll w/ Syrup
Thursday, Sept. 17 – Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza
Friday, Sept. 18 – Turkey Sub Sandwich

Monday, Sept. 21 – Sloppy Joes on a Whole Grain Bun
Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce
Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Ham & Cheese Tortilla Roll
Thursday, Sept. 24 – Hamburger on a Whole Grain Bun w/ Ketchup
Friday, Sept. 25 – Corn Dog w/ Ketchup

Fruit Selections may include:

Banana, Apple, Orange, Grapes, Canned Fruit or Apple Sauce

Vegetable Selections may include:

Peas, Carrots, Mixed Green Salad w/ dressing, Green Beans, Pork & Beans, Celery, Corn, Broccoli or Vegetable Medley

*Main Meal item may be substituted with PBJ and/or cold sandwich.

We hope all students will participate in this program! It will provide a healthy noon meal for the students and also provide support for the District’s new partnership with the DPI and the National School Lunch Program.

Please contact your building principal and/or school office with any questions.

We look forward to making lunch for you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Buechel Haack

