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# Manhasset Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our Food Service Management Company has been working hard to prepare a great food service program for our students. Numerous healthy and delicious options are offered daily, available to both our on campus and remote students.

**Good News!** To support communities during the pandemic, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the NY State Education Department have announced a program for the provision of **FREE MEALS** to ALL children through the end of December, to the extent that federal and state funding allows. School lunches that qualify as a complete meal will be **FREE** for ALL children, regardless of income status or qualification for free and reduced meals.

For children that prefer to bring lunch from home, as part of the USDA program, we will offer **Pick 3 for Free** - a fruit, vegetable and a milk to supplement your child's bagged lunch.

Please be advised that second lunches and a la carte items, such as bottled water and additional fruits and vegetables are **NOT** part of the USDA's free lunch program. Therefore, student accounts will continue to be charged for these items. Due to COVID concerns, we will not accept cash. Please be sure to go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to pay by credit card to add money to student accounts. You may also add money to a student account by sending in a check or cash placed in a sealed envelope indicating your child's name, grade, teacher and dollar amount enclosed on the outside of the envelope, which should be given to your child(ren)'s teacher. Payments may also be mailed directly to our Food Director, Margaret Gonzalez at Aramark 200 Memorial Place, Manhasset, NY 11030.

This program is good news for our Manhasset community and will be effective October 5 through December 23, 2020, or earlier, if the federal allocation for this program is exhausted. At that time, if the USDA does not extend the free lunch provision, our school lunch program will revert to the current pricing.

If you believe you qualify for free and reduced lunch, we ask that you apply for benefits to ensure a seamless transition once the USDA program ends. The application for free and reduced lunch is available on the Manhasset website <https://www.manhassetsschools.org/Page/3908>. Please note an application must be filed each school year.

Parents of students choosing remote learning will have the opportunity to pick up a lunch daily during the below times at their respective school.

School	Location	Pick-up Time
Munsey Park	Bus drop off area (Northern Blvd)	10-10:30 am
Shelter Rock	First Side Entrance	10-10:30 am

Parents of remote learners who are not able to pick up meals on a daily basis or who prefer to pick up meals in bulk should contact the School Social Worker to arrange pick up with our Food Director.

Please be sure to take advantage of this USDA program by allowing your children to select a FREE lunch each day!

Yours truly,



Rosemary Johnson