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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Killingly Public Schools has opted to participate in the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART funds 2.0). These funds are intended to provide free meals for all students starting March 1, 2023 through the remainder of the 2022-23 school year.

#### What this means is:

 All students will receive free breakfast and lunch <u>beginning Wednesday March 1, 2023</u> through the remainder of the 2022-23 school year (one breakfast and one lunch per day at no cost - additional meals and a la carte items are available for purchase).

Any negative balance on a student account from charges before March 1, 2023, must be paid in full as soon as possible. To check on the account balance or make an online payment, please visit <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a>.

You are still encouraged to submit a completed Free and Reduced Price-Meal Application to your child's school if you have not done so already. There are certain benefits available to students whose families qualify for free or reduced-price meals (ie: reduced or waived fees for athletics, SATs, etc.). Applications are available at your child's school or on our website: <a href="https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1656345140/killinglyschoolsorg/mb9kx2nph8xtnmo4eghs/22-23Family Application Free Reduced SchoolMeals.pdf">https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1656345140/killinglyschoolsorg/mb9kx2nph8xtnmo4eghs/22-23Family Application Free Reduced SchoolMeals.pdf</a>

If assistance is needed with the application, an instructional video is available at <a href="https://vimeo.com/777367788">https://vimeo.com/777367788</a>

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Theroux, Free/Reduced Lunch Program Coordinator, at 860-779-6605 or stheroux@killinglyschools.org.

# Addendum C: Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children qualify for free school meals or milk, you might also qualify for **SNAP** (formerly called Food Stamps). SNAP helps people buy food for themselves and their families. SNAP benefits are issued each month on plastic debit cards. You can use SNAP benefits to buy food at major supermarkets, neighborhood grocery stores, and some farmers' markets authorized to accept SNAP.

#### How to Qualify

If and how much SNAP you qualify for depends on:

- your household's income;
- allowable deductions to your household's income (examples include monthly shelter expenses, medical bills, and court ordered child support);
- your household size; and
- at least 5 years U.S. residency for qualified non-citizens.

If you have access to the Internet, you can go online to see if you may be eligible for SNAP. Go to www.connect.ct.gov and click "Am I Eligible?"

Owning your own home or owning a car will not prevent you from being eligible for SNAP.

Household size	Gross monthly income	Gross annual income
1	1,986	23,832
2	2,686	32,232
3	3,386	40,632
4	4,085	49,020
5	4,785	57,420
6	5,485	65,820
7	6,185	74,220
8	6,885	82,620
For each additional member	+699	+8,388

## To Apply or Get More Information

- To find your local Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) office, call **United Way's free referral** number 2-1-1 (free call statewide).
- You can find a list of all Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) offices, or you can apply online at https://www.connect.ct.gov/access/jsp/access/Home.jsp (click "Apply for Benefits"). You can get the paper SNAP application in English at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1E.pdf and in Spanish at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1ES.pdf.
- The following two organizations conduct outreach for DSS and can assist with applying for SNAP benefits:
  - 1. End Hunger CT! provides a SNAP outreach call center (866-974-SNAP (7627)) to assist in applying for as well as maintaining eligibility for SNAP benefits. If you are eligible for SNAP, you will stretch your food dollars, support your school and community, and your kids get school meals at no cost. Many families are surprised they qualify it is quick, easy and confidential to check by calling one of our trained associates
  - 2. The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) works with community action agencies that will help you enroll in SNAP (see table on page 2):

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Agency	Phone number	Areas served
The Access Community Action Agency (Access)	860-450-7400	Windham and Tolland Counties
Alliance for Community Empowerment (Alliance)	203-366-8241	Greater Bridgeport Area and Upper Fairfield County
Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)	203-387-7700	Greater New Haven Area
The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC)	203-744-4700	Northwestern CT and Lower Fairfield County
Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)	860-560-5600	Hartford and Middlesex County
Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA)	860-225-8601	New Britain and Bristol Areas
New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)	203-575-9799	Greater Waterbury, Meriden, and Torrington Areas
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)	860-889-1365	Southeastern CT- New London County
Training Education and Manpower, Inc. (TEAM)	203-736-5420	Naugatuck Valley

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- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- 2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- 3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/AddendumC.pdf.



# **Killingly Memorial** Elementary

VEGGABBLS In an effort to reach our goal of 10% plant based offerings by 2024, Whitsons has partnered with the Humane Society of the US to bring you new plant based entrees through our new Veggabols promotion. Tuesday Thursday





Whitsons proudly supports clean, sustainable agriculture! We also focus on using ingredients that are locally sourced, all-natural, organic and non-GMO whenever possible.



Wednesday

Homemade Shepherd's Pie ( Dinner Rolls

Mixed Vegetable Blend Mixed Fruit

Crispy Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Broccoli

French Bread Pizza 🚳

Organic Applesauce Garden Salad

## Alternate Lunch: Bagel Fun Lunch

Incredibowls General Tso's Chicken 🤗 Vegetable Rice Pilaf Fresh Orange



Bacon Cheeseburger (1) Oven Baked Fries Berry Cup Northern Beans

Chicken Parmesan Sandwich Oven Baked Fries Mixed Vegetable Blend

Pepperoni Pizza 📵 Pear and Pineapple Cup Fresh Broccoli Chilled Red Pepper Strips Ranch Dressing

American Combo Sandwich Carrot Sticks Ranch Dressing Diced Pear Cup Potato Chips

Early Release Day

## Alternate Lunch: Cold Cut Sandwich

Chicken Nuggets Mozzarella Cheese Side Carrot Sticks Celery Ranch Dressing

Grilled Cheese Sandwich 🚱 Tomato Soup **Cucumber Coins** Berry Cup

Homemade Pasta & Meat Sauce 🚱 🚷 Cheesy Garlic Bread Diced Tomatoes Northern Beans

Chicken Sausage Pancake Bites Syrup Crispy Potato Puffs Fresh Orange

Pepperoni Pizza 📵 Pear and Pineapple Cup Fresh Broccoli

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

#### Alternate Lunch: Simple Boxed Egg Pack 23 French Bread Pizza 🚳 22

20 Nachos Grande Chicken Sauteed Corn & Black Bean Salsa Mild Salsa

Buffalo Chicken 21 Tenders ( Celery Sticks Fruit Salad

LUCKY Tray Day!

Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich Oven Baked Fries Mixed Fruit

Carrot Dippers Fresh Apple

School TODAY

# Alternate Lunch: Simple Boxed Yogurt Parfait

27 Famous Chili Cheese Fries 🤭 🚷 **Buttered Corn** Pineapple

certain medical conditions.

28 Homemade Mac & Cheese 🚱 🥙 **Diced Tomatoes** Broccoli Bites Diced Pear Cup

Crispy Chicken 29 Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Broccoli

American Combo Sandwich Carrot Sticks Diced Pear Cup Potato Chips

31 French Bread Pizza 🚳

Carrot Dippers Fresh Apple

# Alternate Lunch: Sun Butter & Jelly Lunch

our menus are nutritious and flavorful. View this menu on the mobile app, FDMealPlanner, or on the web at www.FDMealPlanner.com.

\*Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have

\*\*Menu is subject to change, notice posted when available.

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**Lunch Prices** 1 Free Lunch Per Student Per Day! Ala Carte Milk \$.50 Manage your Child's Account Online! Go

www.myschoolbucks.

ALL STUDENT LUNCH INCLUDE CHOICE OF 1% Milk or Low-Fat Chocolate Milk with a Vegetable Choice and or Fruit Choice Daily Fruits offerings: Apples, Bananas, Oranges, half cup of assorted canned fruit Assorted Condiments Available

Pork

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| Organic Ingredients | orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.