

Aloha Freedom Falcons,

Welcome back to a new school year. We are so excited to see our students' sweet faces in school or in the Freedom Cafe. I am sharing Freedom Cafe news with you and your students.

Our meals this school year 2021-2022 are free to students attending classes in School District #11. No money will be exchanged for student meals. Our adult meals are \$3.95, white milk is .65 cents and chocolate milk is .75 cents. Milk or water is free with a school meal only. Freedom Elementary is serving "lunch only" at this time. The universal "breakfast meal" was implemented for the pandemic year only.

Curbside meals are available at all School District #11 high schools from 11am-noon. No weekend meals will be included.

We welcome a new Freedom Kitchen Assistant, Michelle Marshall. Mrs. Marshall has a student attending Freedom Elementary School.

Our meal line will be as follows: Pick up milk or water (drink is optional), lunch entree from serving line, half a cup or more of fruits and/or veggies from offering bar, next condiments, sporks and napkins before seating in the cafeteria. Our meal menus can be found on our School District #11 website: www.d11.org/Page/921.

The Freedom Cafe will have an allergy table for severe allergy students. Freedom Elementary Cafeteria must have proper documentation, approved and filed with our School District #11 Food and Nutrition Dietician, Jamie Humphrey. A copy of an approved medical food allergy form will be filed with the Freedom Kitchen Manager.

Free and Reduced Information:

School District #11 is providing free meals to all students for this school year regardless of free or reduced meal status. However, you should fill out the application to obtain FRL status if you qualify. Benefits to filling out an application include:

1. Reduced fees for sports and other school or non-school programs;
2. Increased funding for your schools;
3. Possible Pandemic EBT food benefits (you will need to qualify for free and reduced meals to qualify for any possible P-EBT benefits for this school year. Our summer P-EBT enrollment ends by 8/27/21 to qualify.

4. Once we return to pre-pandemic meal service, a free or reduced student will have a “carry over status” for a free meal into the new school year for 30 days or until application is approved. If there is no “ACTIVE” free and reduced application on file, the student(s) must pay for meal costs beginning the first day of school until a free/reduced application is approved.

If a parent/guardian is unsure of free/reduced qualifications or have questions regarding FRL, please visit [https:// www.d11.org/Page/2052](https://www.d11.org/Page/2052) or email schoolmeals@d11.org or call our School District #11 Meal Benefits office at 719 520-2934.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call or email me directly.

Thank you,
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