

Food Service Update as of September 22, 2020

No-cost meals available to all students through December 2020

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended a program that allows our school food service to provide no-cost meals until December 31, 2020, or until available funding for the program is all utilized. Effective immediately, all students attending Plainview-Old Bethpage can have access to meals that comply with Child Nutrition requirements provided by the school for free.

Students and their families do not need to do anything different to participate. For students in grades K – 6, pre-ordering through FD MealPlanner is still required. Orders must be received by midnight preceding the next day of school. No pre-ordering is necessary for grades 7 – 12. Your Nutrikids account will not be charged for the meal. Ala carte items such as snacks, bottled water or other items must still be paid for. Ala carte items are not covered by this no-cost program. To order meals for grades K – 6, go to [Order Meals with FD Meal Planner](#).

Students who are on a full remote learning program should contact our food service director, Karen Ball, at BallK@whitsons.com to schedule a pick-up of the no-cost meals. The order must be received at least a day before the pick-up is scheduled. More information regarding access to meals for remote learners will be forthcoming in a few days.

Any families who qualify for free and reduced price meals should still complete their applications no later than October 21, 2020 to ensure they maintain their status for the remainder of the school year even after the USDA funding for this program runs out. You can access the 2020 – 2021 school year application for free and reduced price meals by visiting [2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals](#).

Please contact our food service director, Karen Ball, at BallK@whitsons.com with any questions. As always, special menu items such as gluten free and vegetarian options can be arranged through Ms. Ball or directly through your school's cook.