



Brookings School District

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Laura Swier, Director of Child Nutrition

RE: Administrative Report

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Highlights from the Child Nutrition Department

1. Food for Thought Donations

- a. Donations are being accepted to help cover the cost of negative lunch account balances. Students are not denied a meal, regardless of their current family balance, but funds are needed to help cover the cost of these meals so we can continue to feed all students. Donations can be made by cash or check and either mailed or dropped off at the Administration Office at 2130 8th St S, Brookings, SD 57006.

2. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

- a. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program was offered at Camelot, Hillcrest, Medary and Dakota Prairie for the 2024-25 school year. This program provides one fresh fruit and one fresh vegetable to each student, plus the classroom teacher, each week in participating schools. April 30 was the last day of this program offering for the current school year.

3. Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications

- a. Free and reduced priced meal applications for the 2025-26 school year will be available on the district website in July. All families inquiring about eligibility must complete an application each year, regardless of the household's previous school year eligibility. The application will be completed online by families once available.

4. School Lunch Hero Day

- a. School Lunch Hero Day is a national celebration held on the first Friday in May. The Child Nutrition department is filled with dedicated staff that are passionate about serving students nutritious meals each day. Thanks to all Child Nutrition staff for the difference you make while feeding our Bobcats!

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