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Food That's In When School Is Out

Johnson County Central Public Schools is working to make sure that no children in our community go hungry when school is closed this summer. Over 50% of children in our District receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year, but many of these children do not get enough to eat when school is out. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to grow and learn during the summer. All children ages 18 months to 18 years old are eligible Free Summer Meals. Adults may purchase a meal for \$3.50.

The Summer Food Service Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the largest federal resource available for local programs that combine meal time with recreational and educational activities.

Johnson County Central Public Schools recognizes the need for the program as "Many of our children who rely on school breakfast and lunch during the school year do not have the energy they need during the summer. That's where we come in, by providing nutritious meal.

"Our responsibility to kids doesn't end when school lets out. Kids who get enough to eat and have safe activities to participate in during the summer are less likely to get into trouble. Our summer meals program is a building block in the community for healthy, happy kids who are ready to learn."

The Summer Food Service Program for Children is a federally funded program operated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by a State Agency. Eligible sponsors such as non-profit organizations, schools and local governments serve nutritious meals and snacks free to low-income children during the summer months. Summer programs are located at approved sites that are either in low-income areas or serve a group of children, most of whom are low-income.

Johnson County Central Public Schools will be serving <u>Breakfast 7:30-8:15 Month of June Only.</u>

<u>Lunch will be served May 28, 29 and 30, June, July and Aug 1.</u> Serving time is 11:30 – 12:30.

Serving Monday through Thursday.

<u>NO Meals on Friday's or July 4th.</u>

Meals are served in the Johnson County Central High School.

Hope to see many of you this summer!

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