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When School Ends, No-Cost Summer Meals Begin!

EBR Schools and OneRouge CAFÉ Collaborate - Free Summer Meals Program

BATON ROUGE, LA — Hunger does not take a summer vacation. This summer, children ages 0-18 can enjoy free breakfast and lunches through the **2024 EBRPSS Summer Meals Program** from May 28 to August 2.

"We are excited to share with our community our dedication to ensuring that all children are provided fresh, delicious, and nutritious meals all year, including the most vulnerable time of the year for a child to go hungry: SUMMER!" shares EBRPSS Child Nutrition Program, Dr. Nichola Hall, Chief Human Resources Officer.

"Summer should be a time of enjoyment, not spent worrying about where the next meal will come from," emphasizes Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome. "The EBRPSS Summer Feeding Program reflects a collective commitment to the well-being of Baton Rouge students, providing them with access to nourishing meals essential for their growth and development. This program helps ensure that no child in our community faces hunger during the summer months."

EBR families can access food for their children in four ways during this summer:

1. **EBRPSS Summer Meals:** No application is required, drop-ins are encouraged! Each site will provide onsite feeding Monday through Thursday, excluding Monday, June 17, and Thursday, July 4. Families can find a convenient location at <https://healthybr.com/healthy-eating/summer-feeding/>
2. **Rural Site Brunch Kits:** Pre-registration is required ([link here](#)). Three- and four-day brunch kits can be picked up at Northeast Elementary School in Pride, LA on Mondays and Thursdays.
3. **"Lunch on the Geaux":** Meals are offered at selected housing authorities and libraries. **Meals must be consumed onsite.** No application is required. This service will be offered at select housing authorities and libraries throughout the city of Baton Rouge. Check the [EBRPSS Summer Feeding Meals on the Geaux list](#) for specific dates and times.
4. **SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT:** SNAP program for school-aged children will provide families with the additional benefits of purchasing healthy food for their children. For more information, visit the Department of Children & Family Services at <https://www.dcfs.louisiana.gov/page/1239/>.

We highly recommend that families participate in EBRPSS Summer Feeding Programs and utilize SUN Bucks to feed children healthy and nutritious meals.

The EBRPSS Summer Feeding Program outreach is made possible through supportive partners, such as OneRouge and its Capital Area Food Equity (CAFÉ) Coalition and the City of Baton Rouge. These efforts have amplified the awareness of the EBRPSS Summer Meals Program by



ensuring that Baton Rouge families are well-informed of the available resources such as the locations and operating hours of the numerous summer feeding sites. **To help connect more people with food in Baton Rouge, become a member of [OneRouge CAFÉ](#).**

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