



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
EDUCATION ACTIVITY
AMERICAS SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
GEORGIA/ALABAMA COMMUNITY
5701 SANTA FE ROAD
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-2724

September 4, 2020

Fort Stewart Parents or Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that beginning Tuesday, September 15th Fort Stewart will participate in USDA waivers that allow our Student Meals Program to offer **FREE** breakfast and lunch meals to **ALL children ages 0-18** through Friday December 18 2020. Current meal ordering and distribution procedures will continue through Monday, September 14th.

Fort Stewart Schools will continue walk-up distribution, as is the current procedure. While children need not be present for the parent/guardian to receive their meals, only children ages 0-18 are eligible to participate. Please help us to maintain program integrity.

If you have not completed your Free and Reduced Meal Application, please do. Although meals will be free for the rest of the calendar year, you will want to 1) avoid a gap in benefits later this year, 2) allow your school to qualify for certain benefits that are tied to the number of free and reduced children in your school, and 3) ensure your eligibility for any potential future benefit for your family, such as another Pandemic- EBT card, should such a benefit be offered.

Starting Tuesday September 15, and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, meal distribution will occur 10 am - 1 pm at the following locations:

Kessler Elementary School; 1127 Austin Road; Kiss-and-Ride (first door to the left)

Diamond Elementary School; 2493 Hero Road; First Door at the Bus Loop

Murray Elementary School; 24 Murray Ave; Kiss-and-Ride Entrance (first door on right – gym)

Mrs. Gladys Hall, your Fort Stewart Child Nutrition Director, will coordinate the implementation of any special meal accommodations. I may be reached by email at gladys.hall@dodea.edu or phone # [912-369-1442](tel:912-369-1442) for this or other Student Meals Program questions or concerns.

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