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M-DCPS TO PROVIDE FREE CURBSIDE/WALK-IN SUMMER MEALS FOR STUDENTS



Food insecurity is a serious concern in our community, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to stand firm in its commitment to support students and their families.

This month, M-DCPS' Department of Food and Nutrition launched a plan to provide free meals to students during the summer break at various locations.

Meals for Summer Schools and Camps

- Free breakfast and lunch meals will be provided daily to all students attending summer school or district-affiliated camps and programs located in M-DCPS schools.

- Dates of service are June 14 – August 13, 2021 (except the July 5 holiday).

Summer Site Daily “Walk-In” Meals

- As per USDA regulations, free summer meals provided daily on campus are also available to students/children 18 and younger who are not enrolled in a program, but who walk in to receive a grab-and-go breakfast and/or lunch.
- For location, times and dates, visit <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/> and click on “Find a Site.”
- Students/children who walk in must follow the school site's administrative security requirements/check-in procedures at each visit.

Summer Curbside Meal Distribution Schedule

- Curbside meal distribution will be available at 50 schools across the district for students not attending summer school or camp and not receiving meals as a daily walk-in.
- Curbside meals may be picked up as follows:
 - o June 15 - August 12, 2021
 - o Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- For a list of schools, visit: <https://bit.ly/3h2rna8>.

As per USDA requirements, parents must show a valid ID* (i.e., student ID, passport, adoption decree, report card, or other official documentation) for each child they request meals for when the student/child is not present at curbside pick-up.



IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

July 31 – August 9

Florida's
Back-to-School
Sales Tax
Holiday

August 23

First Day of
the 2021-2022
School Year

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

July 14

11:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting

July 28

5:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop

August 18

11:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting

PARENT E-TIPS

**Practicing
Safety
Online**

<https://bit.ly/2RXMfae>

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to prioritize the emotional well-being and safety of all students. To support these efforts, the Department of Mental Health Services provides ongoing mental health awareness training for administrators, teachers, and staff designed to help them identify those students who may need professional help. The District has enlisted its police department, Miami-Dade Schools Police (MDSPD), to help with these efforts.

On June 1–4, M-DCPS Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA) instructors trained the sworn law enforcement agency of 465, including the chief, all levels of command staff, field supervisors, detectives and 383 School Resource Officers. This YMHA training, supported by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, is a one-day course introducing common mental health

challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered in the course include signs and symptoms of students experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis, an introduction to mental health disorders, de-escalation techniques, positive communication, resources, and self-care.

The District would like parents to know that support is ongoing throughout the entire summer. If they think their child may require social/emotional or mental health support, they should contact their child's school or the M-DCPS Parent Assistance Line at (305) 995-7100. Services and resources are available on the school campus or through community agencies offering help at no cost to students and families.

AQUATIC-THEMED MURAL UNVEILED AT SOUTH POINTE ELEMENTARY FOCUSES ON CONSERVING MARINE ECOSYSTEM



An augmented reality mural portraying Florida's vibrant coral reef and marine life was unveiled this month at Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School. The mural touches on the importance of protecting our beaches and conserving our oceans and marine ecosystem while raising awareness for the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

SUMMER OF SYNERGY 2021: 25 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS



behaviors, gifted learners, mindful parenting, parents as leaders and Discovery Education resources. **Space is limited to 500 attendees per session.** Visit <https://parentacademymiami.com/synergy-parents-live-webinars/> to register.

Additionally, beginning July 1st, 16 pre-recorded sessions will be available for parents and caregivers to view at their leisure. The English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole sessions will be posted on the Synergy section of The Parent Academy website: <https://parentacademymiami.com/synergy/>.

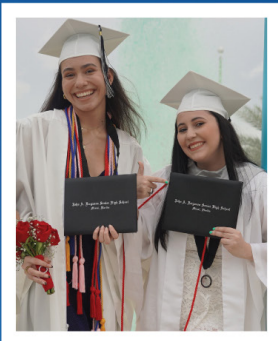
For additional information, call 305-271-8257 during business hours or email TPA1@dadeschools.net.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is gearing up for Summer of Synergy 2021, a three-week institute scheduled for July 12-30, 2021, designed to provide parents/caregivers and all instructional personnel a robust menu of training opportunities. This year's theme is "Strength Reimagined".

In 2020, Synergy began offering educational content for parents/caregivers via The Parent Academy. This summer, the

annual three-day event has been expanded to three weeks to provide parents, caregivers and educational leaders access to training on helping children transition back to face-to-face learning, mitigate learning gaps, address physical and social emotional needs, and support families during this critical period of recovery.

Registration is now open for the 25 live-interactive webinars covering topics such as challenging



From June 2-9, M-DCPS hosted socially distanced in-person graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2021 to honor their resiliency through an unprecedented year.



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