

# **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** *Summer,* **2024**

## **Special Family Edition Newsletter**

*The Newsletter of the Department of School Nutrition at Lawrence County Schools*

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### **Thank You!**

The School Nutrition Department thanks you for the opportunity we have had to serve you another school year of culinary delights prepared in your school cafeterias. The choices include whole grain products, fruits, and vegetables on our daily menu. Our goal is to feed all the children in the district a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch every day. You can rest assured that our management and staff strive to do just that at every meal.

### **Summer Feeding is In while School is Out!**

Any child under the age of 18 will be eligible for free breakfasts and lunches during the end of May and the month of June. We will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. Meals for that week will be offered Tuesday, May 28th through Friday, May 31st. Starting June 3rd through June 20th we will offer meals Monday - Thursday. Our sites are EO Coffman, David Crockett, Ethridge, Ingram Sowell, Lawrence County High, Lawrenceburg Public, Leoma, Loretto, New Prospect, South Lawrence, Summertown Elementary and Summertown High. A full meal will be offered each day. **There is no registration or fee required, but the meal must be consumed at one of our sites.** To find out more information please call us at 931-762-3581 ext. 2311. More information will be posted on social media.

### **Account Balances**

If any money is left in the account at the end of the year, it will be waiting on your child when they return next year (even if they transfer schools). Please note if you have a graduating senior with money left in the account we can transfer their money into a sibling account or you can request a refund. To find out more information please check the [www.lcss.us](http://www.lcss.us) website.

### **S-EBT**

S-EBT benefits will be available again for the summer months, **but only to students who qualify**. Students

K-12 are eligible to receive benefits for the Summer 2024 if they attended school for the 2023-24 academic school year in person and:

- The family is enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Families First (TANF), or TennCare (Medicaid) programs during the 2023-24 academic year. These families are automatically eligible to receive Summer EBT for the 2023-24 school year and will not need to apply for Summer EBT.

Summer EBT application is required for families who are not automatically enrolled but attended a NSLP-participating school during the 2023-24 school year. The application can be completed using the Summer EBT Parent Portal at <https://onedhs.tn.gov/parent>. Benefit approval will be based on income guidelines.

Families will receive a one-time lump sum of \$120 per eligible child in Summer EBT benefits.

Summer EBT benefits will be provided on an EBT card and can be used to buy groceries after the card has been activated. The new Summer EBT card will be mailed to the eligible child's home based on current school records.

Parents can log in to the Summer EBT Parent Portal at <https://onedhs.tn.gov/parent> to view Summer EBT benefits, link their child(ren), verify or change address, and sign up to receive text message notifications.

If a parent or guardian has questions that are not answered through the Summer EBT website or Summer EBT Parent Portal, they may call One DHS Customer Service at 833-772-TDHS (8347) for assistance.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.tn.gov/SummerEBT](http://www.tn.gov/SummerEBT)

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