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ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

October 26, 2020

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- 42nd Annual UCCA Virtual Holiday Food Drive - Oct. 26–Dec. 1
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D205 Kindergarten Registration Open - Until Nov. 6

D205 online kindergarten registration is October 23, 2020, to November 6, 2020, for kindergarten: traditional half-day, dual language, and all-day kindergarten programs.

Please register by going to the [D205 Kindergarten Registration](#) page. A recording of the general Kindergarten Registration and Dual Language Information Session presentations from October 15 & 19 also are available there.

42nd Annual UCCA Virtual Holiday Food Drive - Oct. 26–Dec. 1

For more than 40 years, the Elmhurst community has participated in the UCCA Holiday Food Drive to help Elmhurst District 205 school children and their families. This year will look a little different but the need is still great, if not greater, than ever. The goal is to help almost 100 more families than last year.

To ensure everyone's safety, the collection effort is moving online. Instead of bringing food donations to school, you can go online and donate to sponsor a holiday meal, a box of food, or more. It's quick and easy. Go to www.ucca-elmhurst.org/ucca-volunteers or scan the [QR code on the flyers](#).

Please give today to help struggling families put food on the table during these unprecedented times. Gifts of any amount are appreciated.

You may also drop off Jewel and Mariano's gift cards at the Elmhurst YMCA and the Elmhurst Public Library.

- Holiday Meal Box - \$16. Provide a complete holiday meal with turkey, potatoes, green beans, and more.
- Box of Food - \$30. Provide a box of food filled with pantry staples.

City of Elmhurst Trick or Treating Hours and Information - Oct. 31

City of Elmhurst Trick-or-Treating hours are Saturday, October 31 from 3:30-7:30 pm, but residents are asked to protect themselves and respect their neighbors by understanding and abiding by the following guidelines listed on the City's [website](#).

Elmhurst Lions Pumpkin Patch - Until Oct. 31

Don't just buy your fall pumpkins anywhere. Visit the [Elmhurst Lions Club Pumpkin Patch](#) at the Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst through October 31.

York High School Veterans Day Drive-Up Lunch - Nov. 7

Come and celebrate this important day of remembrance with the York High School Student Council and enjoy a free drive-up lunch in the comfort of your car! Limited yard signs will be available to guests. First families to arrive will receive a sign for your yard!

- Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020
- Time: 11am-1pm
- Cost: Free (box lunches will be free for veterans and their families, but you MUST send an RSVP with the number of people who will be coming with you. Without an RSVP, lunch cannot be provided.
- Where: York Community High School Parking Lot, 355 W. St. Charles Road Elmhurst, IL.

*Please pull up your car to the circle drive to receive a box lunch

R.S.V.P. REQUIRED. In order to ensure there is enough food, organizers are requesting an RSVP for this event. Please send your RSVP to Student Council Advisor Matt Moran at MMoran@elmhurst205.org or 630-617-2400 x7285 (Please leave a message with how many people will be attending.

Please respond by Wednesday, October 28th. If you would like a veggie option, please share that in your RSVP.

D205 Free Meal Service Pick-Up Schedule - Nov. 2020

D205 Breakfast and lunch options are now free for all D205 students through the PushCoin Webstore! Meals may now be ordered on a weekly basis and may be picked up on the following [schedule](#) for the remainder of October and November 2020

ComEd Bill Assistance

If you are aware of staff members or families that could benefit from additional support, please share this information with them and have them call ComEd immediately at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661), M-F, 7am-7pm. Customers can also visit ComEd.com/Support to learn more about the following payment assistance options and eligibility requirements:

- **CARE Customer Hardship Grants.** Residential customers facing financial hardship may be eligible to receive one-time CARE grants from ComEd to help them get back on their feet.
- **COVID-19 Financial Bill Assistance.** A one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 is available this year for eligible, low-income households.
- **Flexible, Extended Payment Arrangements.** For a limited time, low-income households and residential customers expressing financial hardship may be eligible for a flexible payment arrangement so they can spread balances over 24 payments, with 0% down. Residential customers who may not be facing financial hardship, but would like to spread balances, may be able to do so over 18 payments, with no more than 25% down.
- **Waiver of New Deposits and Fee Relief.** ComEd is waiving any new deposit requirements for a limited time for customers expressing financial hardship and extending relief from various fees (such as reconnection fees) to help low-income residential customers.
- **State and Federal Financial Energy Assistance.** Illinois' Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also provide valuable financial help to households that may be facing financial challenges.

Previous Announcements

New Language Translation Feature Added to D205 & School Websites

A new language translation feature is now available on the District and all

school web pages. The feature is easy to use and can be found in the lower right-hand corner of the screen. Simply click on the drop-down menu of languages and select the language needed. The District's Top Six languages, including Spanish and Polish, are currently available.

Free Internet/WiFi Services

- Comcast Internet Essentials Is Free to New Customers: Low-income families who live in a Comcast service area may sign-up for Internet Essentials with 60 days of complimentary service (normally available to all qualified households for \$9.95/month).

See internetessentials.com or es.internetessentials.com, or call 1-855-8-INTERNET.

- Comcast Xfinity WiFi Is Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country are available to anyone for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.
- AT&T is expanding "Access from AT&T," our low-cost home internet offering to qualifying households AT&T will continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month through our Access from AT&T program. [Click here for more information. PDF Download](#)
- Illinois state agencies released a wi-fi [hotspot map](#) to help students across the state who lack internet access in their homes. The wi-fi map has at least 200 hotspots students can use to complete coursework. Students and their parents or guardians should continue to practice social distancing by remaining in their cars while utilizing the hotspots. If a student or caretaker is sick or experiencing symptoms, they should remain at home.

Virtual Backpack

Looking for non-profit, community activities, or information that is fun and educational for students, check out the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.