August 1, 2025

I am excited to share that our student population will be offered Universal Free meals at Breakfast and Lunch again this year! Each student will be offered a Reimburseable meal, should they choose to accept it. The USDA has specific nutrition standards for school meals as per the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. WCVCS must meet these Nutrition Standard with each meal served to every student. **In order for the student to receive the "Free meal", they must take at least the minimum quantities offered of the Required Food Components.**

We will offer A 'la Carte foods and snacks that can be purchased during lunch periods. Many families have set up accounts on the My School Bucks website (https://www.myschoolbucks.com). This helps eliminate students from carrying cash with them and keeps you in control of how much your student can spend at school for food.

With that said, I encourage all families in our school district to fill out a Free and Reduced Meal Benefit application that is available on the school website or in the August newsletter publication.

These applications impact more than just school meals:

- They help provide essential funding for our School District directly into your student's classroom
- They help to potentially qualify for P-EBT if eligible
- Receive discounted utilities and internet access
- Become eligible for fee waivers for college applications & admissions tests (i.e. SATs, ACTs, AP)
- Receive benefits regardless of citizenship status

Applying for free school meals is quick, easy and secure. Your information is not shared at school or with anyone.

If your income has changed, or your student qualified for Free or reduced meals in the past-please consider updating your status.

Go to our website https://www.westcanada.org for an application, contact me directly via e-mail at sbutler@westcanada.org, or call my office at 315-845-6800, ext. 3360.

If I can be of assistance with any of this or you have questions, please call me at 315-845-6800 ext. 3360 or e-mail me at sbutler@westcanada.org

Thank You all so much and see you soon!!

Shelby Butler, Food Service Director