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Pizza Night Meals to Go in May



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District is offering a new meal service free of charge to the community. Whole pizzas, fresh vegetables, local fruit, and half-gallons of milk will be provided, based on the number of children in the household. These items will be given away curbside at four middle schools on May 7, May 14 and May 21.

School Nutrition Director Meredith Potter said, "We're happy to offer this opportunity for kids to have a quick and easy pizza night at home. In partnership with local farmers, the meal includes fresh fruit grown right here in middle Georgia. This is a win-win for our community!"

The meals will be available for pickup at four schools on May 7, 14 and 21, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The serving sites are: Bonaire Middle, Feagin Mill Middle, Northside Middle and Thomson Middle. Meals will be provided by curb side service, in the school bus lanes. This makes it safe, quick and convenient and allows the family to stay in their vehicle.

Meals are available for any child 18 years old or younger. Children do not need to be enrolled in the Houston County School District to participate. The meals are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Quantities are limited, and the fruit will be based on availability.

The pizza will be frozen and is similar to what one may purchase from a grocery store. Baking directions will be provided with every pizza.

Potter added, "Our schools have pizza inventory in our freezers that we planned to serve this spring. We brainstormed on the best way to use this food and came up with this idea to benefit our community. Working with local farmers who have extra produce these days is a bonus that benefits everyone."

The addresses for the pizza night meal sites follow.

- Bonaire Middle, 125 Highway 96 East, Bonaire, GA 31005
- Feagin Mill Middle, 1200 Feagin Mill Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088
- Northside Middle, 500 Johnson Road, Warner Robins, GA 31093
- Thomson Middle, 301 Thomson Street, Centerville, GA 31028.

P.O. Box 1850 • Perry, Georgia 31069 (478) 988-6200 • Fax (478) 988-6259 WWW.HCBE.NET This service is in addition to the breakfasts and lunches served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at pick up sites and by van delivery routes. For more information, please send an email to <u>Meredith.Potter@hcbe.net</u>.

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