

# Surrey Schools

## Meal Programs



Each school day, the Surrey School Meal Programs strive to feed as many vulnerable and hungry children as possible nutritious food that keeps them energized, focused, learning and playing. *Research clearly shows that children who have enough food to eat learn better and are healthier.*

### In the time of COVID: (March - Jun 2020)

When schools were suddenly closed in March 2020, the Surrey School District organized quickly to distribute prepared meals to vulnerable students immediately after Spring Break. By the end of the school year in June, the Meal Distribution Hubs had provided 100,000 bags with nutritious cold lunch and breakfast items to the community. Families were extremely grateful for this assistance, while they sheltered at home and so many were thrown into unemployment. *The financial support of our donors was vital to the success of this project.*

### Returning to School: Sept 2020

Although some serving procedures have changed due to the pandemic, students still receive the nutritious meals that they need. For example, instead of serving themselves, students let the serving staff know what they'd like to eat and pick up their Breakfast from a table that's six feet away, and the Lunch Program continues to provide individually packaged food items to prevent possible virus transmission.

### **Breakfast Clubs**

In partnership with the Vancouver Sun Children's Fund, Breakfast Clubs of Canada, PC Children's Charities, North Surrey Lions, the Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society and other donors, the school district provides breakfast to identified hungry children at 61 selected school sites. More than 1,500 students aged 6-18 receive breakfast.

Volunteers, student leaders, parents and staff combine to shop and serve Breakfast. Students start each morning with a warm welcome, and a simple, healthy breakfast of milk to drink, choice of eggs, cheese or yoghurt, fruit, cereal, and toast. For special occasions, pancakes or French toast, breakfast sandwiches and smoothies may be offered. By having Breakfast, students are more prepared to learn, come to school regularly and are more relaxed and happier.

### **Lunch Programs**

Super Save Gas, Zenterra Developments, PCI Group, Park Ridge Homes, South West Contracting, Tzu Chi Foundation and other community donors support the Surrey School District to provide Lunch to more than 2,100 vulnerable students each day who would otherwise go through the day hungry. Lunch typically consists of Milk or 100% fruit juice, a sandwich or similar entrée, and fruit or simple dessert. Elementary students eat their Lunch with their peers in their classroom; Secondary students receiving the Lunch Program are able to take their lunch to eat with friends.

Lunch Program Locations:

AHP Matthew Betty Huff Bear Creek Bonaccord Bridgeview	Cedar Hills Cindrich Creekside Forsyth Road Georges Vanier	Hjorth Road Holly James Ardiel K.B. Woodward Kennedy Trail	Kirkbride Lena Shaw M. J. Shannon Old Yale Road Prince Charles	Riverdale Senator Reid Simon Cunningham W.E. Kinvig
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Over 300 students are fed daily at these secondary schools: Kwantlen Park, Guildford Park, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, Frank Hurt, Johnston Heights, LA Matheson, and at 4 Alternate Secondary programs.

Unfortunately, the school district does not have enough money to feed the many students who would benefit from the School Meal Programs. With the help of donors, we are eager to sustain and expand meal programming to support additional students. Donations are tax receipt-able and 100% of donated funds goes to purchase food for hungry students. (No administrative or staffing costs taken from grants and donations.)

For more information about how you can help, please call Business Development at 604-595-6066.