



Media Release

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FREE MEALS FOR MANATEE COUNTY KIDS AND TEENS THIS SUMMER BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 31ST

(Bradenton, FL – May 26, 2022) With summer break underway, the School District of Manatee County’s Food and Nutrition Services department is preparing to feed students across our community. For 15 years, the Summer BreakSpot program has been helping provide nourishment for Manatee County children during the long summer months. **This program provides free meals for kids at multiple locations starting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

The Summer BreakSpot program is a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services program that provides free meals for all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. This service is not based on income status and all kids and teens can participate. This program was designed to ensure that children have access to nutrition during the summer and gives them the opportunity to return to school healthy, happy and ready to learn. **The School District of Manatee County General Funds are not used for this program.**

Free meals will be provided to students attending School District of Manatee County summer programs, as well as various other local summer camps, community centers and churches. Three mobile feeding buses and two mobile “Caboose” food vehicles (provided in partnership with Tropicana) will deliver meals to multiple locations in Bradenton, Palmetto and Parrish. Both buses have indoor and outdoor seating for kids to enjoy their meal in the comfort of air conditioning. It’s a great opportunity for kids to get outside for some sunshine, socialize and enjoy a healthy meal.

Meals are required to be consumed on-site.

Find the nearest Summer BreakSpot location:

- Call 211
- Text “Food” to 304-304
- Visit website: www.SummerBreakSpot.org beginning June 1st. The school district has locations listed [at this website](#) in the meantime.

For more information about Summer BreakSpot, please contact Food and Nutrition Services at (941) 739-5700 or visit www.manateeschoolfood.net

About Manatee County Schools Food & Nutrition Services: As a U.S. Department of Agriculture supported program, the mission of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) is to provide quality nutritious meals for students to learn and succeed. FNS serves more than five-million student lunches and breakfasts each year and provides service to over 80% of the student population.