

EBRPSS Partners with Ballard Hospitality to Adapt Grab-N-Go Meal Program

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Child Nutrition Department made a few logistic changes to the grab-n-go meal operation, which has successfully served thousands of meals since Wednesday, March 18. In accordance with Governor John Bel Edwards latest stay at home order and official health guidance, the Child Nutrition Department has opted to partner with Ballard Hospitality LLC to supply a mix of hot and cold meals, and shelf-stable boxed meals to students through the duration of this closure.

The week of April 6-9, EBRPSS child nutrition workers will continue the standard meal distribution at the five following sites: Northeast Elementary, Progress Elementary, Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet Academy, Wildwood Elementary and Woodlawn Elementary. Ballard Hospitality will serve a mix of breakfast and hot lunch meals at Broadmoor Middle, Claiborne Elementary, Park Forest Middle, and Capitol Middle during this week.

In observance of Good Friday, no meals will be served on Friday, April 10.

On weekdays from April 6 – April 17 (excluding April 10), Ballard Hospitality will deliver and distribute shelf-stable meal boxes to 25 EBR schools on a rotating schedule. Five breakfast meals and five lunch meals will be included in one box. Each child in the family will receive a box, while supplies last. Kleinpeter Farms Dairy will issue a ½ gallon of milk with each Ballard box.

The week of April 20-24, Ballard Hospitality will follow the same distribution schedule, but each box will contain 10 breakfast meals and 10 lunches to sustain students through April 30. Kleinpeter will issue a gallon of milk with each Ballard box.

The grab-n-go meals will still be distributed from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on weekdays, while supplies last. Families will be able to pick up the pre-packaged breakfast and lunches for children 18 years of age and younger, including overage students with disabilities through age 22. At least one child must be present in order to receive student meals.

To view the full meal distribution schedule and for more information about additional resources around the state, please visit <https://ebschools.org/coronavirus-covid-19/child-nutrition/>.

“We think food because we know our kids cannot think without it,” said Dr. Nadine Mann, EBRPSS Child Nutrition Director. “I am beyond grateful for all

of the hard work my team has put forth and the unbelievable generosity from local partners and community members.”

About Ballard Hospitality:

Ballard Hospitality is a New Orleans based company formed in 2005 as a way to help local community and neighbors rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. Providing lifestyle support and mass care services, housing and dining solutions to various corporations and government entities has provided experience and expertise to manage remote site service, housing and dining contracts across North America. Ballard Hospitality is proud to partner with East Baton Rouge Schools in developing timely and cost-effective solutions for the system-wide feeding programs related to COVID-19.