

Free meals coming to Lockhart ISD

Students in the Lockhart Independent School District will be able to eat breakfast and lunch for free beginning in the fall.

In their meeting Monday night, the LISD Board of Trustees approved a change to its policy for serving meals under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Through the federally-funded Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, LISD will be able to provide all students from pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade free breakfasts and lunches.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, school districts with a minimum of at least 40 percent of students who are directly certified through other means-tested programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible to

apply for the program.

In LISD 51 percent of students are directly certified, making the school district eligible for the CEP program.

The program was originally authorized by Congress as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

The program launches next school year at Alma Brewer Strawn Elementary, Bluebonnet Elementary, Carver Early Education Center, Clear Fork Elementary, Navarro Elementary, Plum Creek Elementary and Lockhart Junior High School. In total, 4,477 students will benefit from the program.

"We know that when students are able to regularly eat healthy, nutritious food, they are better able to learn," said Superintendent Mark Estrada. "Our students have yet another advantage to prepare them for success."

In addition to providing balanced nutrition, the program also eliminates negative perceptions of students who may

not be able to afford meals.

The school district also benefits by no longer having to cover negative balances at the end of each school year.

"Our department is so proud to take this step in ensuring our students are healthy and ready to learn. We'll continue to provide the same excellent quality in our food offerings, including farm fresh fruits and vegetables, but now at no cost to the students," said LISD Director of Food & Nutrition Services James Acuna.

"This is going to be a game-changer." Acuna presented the program to the LISD Board of Trustees at Monday's Regular Board meeting, where it was met by unanimous support.

For additional information about LISD's CEP program, please contact Acuna at 512-398-0292 or James.Acuna@lockhart.txed.net.

• Submitted by the LISD



Chef D Crenshaw, LISD Executive Chef, cooking with Plum Creek Elementary 4th grade student Melanee Morales Romero.
Photo by Lockhart ISD

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2019. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

On this date:

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1915, in what's considered the start of the Armenian genocide, the Ottoman Empire began rounding up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces five days later.)

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1967, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov was killed when his Soyuz 1 spacecraft smashed into the Earth after his parachutes failed to deploy properly during re-entry; he was the first human spaceflight fatality.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East Is Red."

In 1990, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

In 1995, the final bomb linked to the Unabomber exploded inside the Sacramento, California, offices of a lobbying group for the wood products industry, killing chief lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray. (Theodore Kaczynski was later sentenced to four lifetimes in prison for a series of bombings that killed three men and injured 29 others.)

In 2003, U.S. forces in Iraq took custody of Tariq Aziz, the former Iraqi deputy prime minister. China shut down a Beijing hospital as the global death toll from SARS surpassed 260.

In 2005, Pope Benedict XVI formally began his stewardship of the Roman Catholic Church; the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said in his installation homily that as pontiff he would listen to the will of God in governing the world's 1.1 billion Catholics.

In 2013, in Bangladesh, a shoddily constructed eight-story commercial building housing garment factories collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

Ten years ago: Mexico shut down schools, museums, libraries and state-run theaters across its overcrowded capital in hopes of containing a deadly swine flu outbreak. Back-to-back suicide bombers struck near a Shiite shrine in Baghdad, killing 71.

Five years ago: An Afghan government security guard opened fire on foreign doctors at a Kabul hospital, killing three Americans in the latest of a deadly string of attacks on Western civilians in the capital. The tiny Pacific nation of the Marshall Islands took on the United States and the world's eight other nuclear-armed nations with an unprecedented lawsuit demanding they meet their obligations toward disarmament and accusing them of "flagrant violations" of international law.

One year ago: Former police officer Joseph DeAngelo was arrested at his home near Sacramento, California, after DNA linked him to crimes attributed to the so-called Golden State Killer; authorities believed he committed 13 murders and more than 50 rapes in the 1970s and 1980s. (DeAngelo is awaiting trial.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 89. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 85. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 77. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 77. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 76. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 74. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 69. Former Irish Taoiseach Enda Kenny is 68. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 66. Rock singer-musician Jack Blades (Night Ranger) is 65. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 64. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 62. Rock musician Billy Gould is 56. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 55. Actor Djimon Hounsou is 55. Rock musician Patty Schemel is 52. Actress Stacy Haiduk is 51. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 51. Actor Aidan Gillen is 51. Actress Melinda Clarke is 50. Country-rock musician Brad Morgan (Drive-By Truckers) is 48. Rock musician Brian Marshall (Creed; Alter Bridge) is 46. Actor Derek Luke is 45. Actor-producer Thad Luckinbill is 44. Actress Rebecca Mader is 42. Country singer Rebecca Lynn Howard is 40. Actress Reagan Gomez is 39. Actor Austin Nichols is 39. Actress Sasha Barrese is 38. Contemporary Christian musician Jason Rauch (Red) is 38. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 37. Rock singer-musician Tyson Ritter (The All-American Rejects) is 35. Country singer Carly Pearce is 29.

Thought for Today: "The door to the past is a strange door. It swings open and things pass through it, but they pass in one direction only. No man can return across that threshold, though he can look down still and see the green light waver in the water weeds." — Loren Eiseley, American anthropologist (1907-1977).

Time to sign teams up for Annual Ted Breihan Open, tourney slated on May 31

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos invites golfers to enter the 17th Annual Ted Breihan Open slated for Friday, May 31 at the Plum Creek Country Club in Kyle.

The tournament is a Florida Scramble format and the shotgun start will be at 8 a.m. Registration is \$500 per team of four. A breakfast buffet will start at 7 a.m. and lunch at noon.

Sponsorships include Platinum, \$1,450; Gold, \$850; Silver, \$650, 4-Person Team Sponsors, \$500; Cart Sponsor, \$250; Hole Sponsor, \$200; and donations of raffle items or goodie bags.

Teams and sponsors may register on the museum's website at www.lbjmuseum.com.

Lucky golfers who hit a hole-in-one on Par 3 holes can win a major prize — the top being a 2019 Buick Encore Preferred from Chuck Nash Auto Group. The top

three teams will win trophies.

The deadline for online registration is May 24, 2019. The rain date for the tournament is Friday, June 7.

The Ted Breihan Open is named in honor of San Marcos community leader Ted Breihan, a founder of the LBJ Museum of San Marcos.

Plum Creek Country Club is located at 4301 Benner Road, Kyle.

For more information on the tournament, call James Martin, museum director, or Taylor Briley, assistant director, at 512-353-3300 or send an email to director@lbjmuseum.com or taylor@lbjmuseum.com.

The LBJ Museum of San Marcos highlights the college years of President Johnson at Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos from 1927-1930 and the impact his formative years had on his political career and landmark legislation during his presidency.

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