

# SANDRA "SAM" HIMMEL – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FLORIDA'S SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR 2020

"Where Learning is the Expectation and Caring is a Commitment"

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## **FREE School Meals extended through December**

Superintendent Himmel recently requested and received approval from the Florida Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services Office to allow the Citrus County School District to operate under the Summer Food Service Program through December 18, 2020.

Under the Summer Food Service Program, all children 18 years old and younger may receive FREE Breakfast and Lunch.

#### For our Brick and Mortar students:

- Free school breakfast and lunch at school Monday through Friday.
- On Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. 1:15 pm, parents/guardians will be allowed to pick-up weekend meals for their students. Students do not have to be in the vehicle to receive meals, however, Parents/Guardians must provide the first and last name of the child, the school name and grade your child is in.
- Weekend Meals will consist of 2 days of school lunches, 2 days of school breakfasts, 2 days of SUPER Snacks and Regular Snacks. Some items may need to be heated. Cooking instructions: https://www.citrusschools.org/departments/food and nutrition services

#### For our Citrus Virtual students:

- Parents/Guardians will continue to pick up meals on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. 1:15 pm.
- On Mondays, students will receive 3 days of school lunches, 3 days of school breakfasts, and 3 days of SUPER Snacks and Regular Snacks. Some items may need to be heated. Cooking instructions: <a href="https://www.citrusschools.org/departments/food">https://www.citrusschools.org/departments/food</a> and nutrition services
- On Thursdays, students will receive 4 days of school lunches, 4 days of school breakfasts, and 4 days of SUPER Snacks and Regular Snacks.

Students enrolled in private schools and homeschool can also receive FREE meals through this program. Parents are asked to please contact the Citrus County Schools Food and Nutrition Service Department at 352-726-1931 Ext. 2402 for more information.

Please refer to <a href="www.citrus.nutrislice.com">www.citrus.nutrislice.com</a> for locations and menus. For those students who have money on their meal account, this money can be used for Smart Snack items or à la carte items. If money is not used, it will rollover to January.

Note: If your students have NOT already been approved for Free or Reduced-Price meals for the 2020-2021 SY, you MUST complete a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. This will insure your child will receive school meals based on your income status once the deadline for the Summer Food Service Program occurs. If you have any questions regarding the application, please call 352-726-1931 Ext. 2432.

If you have any questions, please contact the Citrus County Schools Food and Nutrition Service Department at 352-726-1931 Ext. 2402.

### **About Citrus County Schools:**

Citrus County Schools serves approximately 15,000 students in pre-school through grade 12 across 22 campuses. We are where learning is the expectation and caring is the commitment. We provide exceptional academic, emotional and civic growth to every student, every day. Our passionate educators empower students to take charge of their academic and personal success. The school district spans the cities of Inverness and Crystal River and incorporates communities such as Beverly Hills, Citrus Springs, Floral City, Hernando, Holder, Homosassa, and Lecanto. Want to learn what makes us one of the best school districts in the Sunshine State? Connect with us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, or visit <a href="https://www.citrusschools.org">www.citrusschools.org</a>.