Dear Ursa Minor School Family,

I hope you and your students are getting into the swing of our virtual school start and getting to know your teachers. Here are a couple of updates and reminders:

Student Materials Distribution (Brick & Mortar Option)

This is a friendly reminder that teachers have prepared student materials for distribution, they will be available for curbside collection on Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1.

Please read and follow the signs as you enter the parking lot. Upon arrival, the family will identify themselves (students' name and grade levels/teachers' name) to a staff member who will radio a team in the building. The building team will then bring the students' belongings outside to the family. As a safety precaution, families will not be allowed into the building during the pick-up process. Thank you for your understanding!

The collection schedule will be as follows:

Monday, August 31

9:30 am - 12:30 pm - Student's Last Names A - M

12:30 – 4:00 pm – Student's Last Names N - Z

Tuesday, September 1

9:30 am - 12:30 pm - Student's Last Names N - Z

12:30 – 4:00 pm – Student's Last Names A - M

4:00 - 5:30 pm - Open

Material for ASD Virtual Students

Calvert Learning has consumable student materials available to enhance the academic experience. ASD has printed these K-5 materials for the first quarter and will distribute next week. Virtual students zoned for Ursa Minor can collect this material from Chugiak High School, outside the cafeteria doors. *School buses will be used to distribute, so please look for the bus and signs regarding Virtual printed materials.*

The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, September 2 from 8:00 am 6:00 pm (K-3 materials only)
- Thursday, September 3 from 8:00 am 6:00 pm (K-3 materials only)
- Friday, September 4 from 8:00 am 6:00 pm (all materials K-5 available)

Pandemic-EBT for Children

The poster below gives some information about the P-EBT (Pandemic - Electronic Benefits Transfer Program). You can contact The Food Bank of Alaska if you have any questions about qualifying for the program. The deadline for requesting the P-EBT is August 31st.



What is P-EBT?

The Pandemic – Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program is **additional money for families to buy food due** to COVID-19 related school closures in March, April, and May of 2020. This means up to \$458 for each eligible child!



This program is available to all Alaskan families with **school age children who** received free and reduced-price school meals in Alaska, or attended a school where meals are free during March, April, and May of 2020.

P-EBT benefits are **available to households regardless of immigrant status,** and benefits will not count in a public charge test.

How do I get P-EBT?

If you already receive SNAP (food stamps) benefits will be automatically loaded onto your card.

If you don't receive SNAP but receive free or reduced-price school meals, a form to opt-in has been mailed to you. Forms must be mailed back and received by August 31st.

If believe you are eligible but haven't received the form, or are concerned about the state receiving your paperwork before the August 31st deadline, contact Food Bank of Alaska:



text PEBT to 907-891-8913 OR call 907-222-3119.

For the latest information on P-EBT: <u>foodbankofalaska.org/pebt</u> For information on SNAP and other food resources: <u>foodbankofalaska.org/help/covid19-food-resources</u>

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Student Meals

Also there is now a bus route for student meals. Times and stops are subject to change. Please check the Student Nutrition Website and listen for the robo calls for stops. If you still have questions please email <u>SNAdmin@asdk12.org</u> or <u>cafe_ursaminor@asdk12.org</u> ~ Ms. Victoria

I hope this information is helpful. Best wishes for a great weekend.

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