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Dear SES Families,

We are trying to be very mindful about not overwhelming you with information yet trying to give you the information you need. Thank you for being so positive during this unprecedented time.

HOME LEARNING & ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY RESOURCES

As promised, this email is to communicate enrichment ideas and resources you can access for your child during this 3 week closure. We are not doing specific "distance learning". Instead, we are providing you with a multitude of resources to use with your children. Our amazing reading teacher, Jen Culbreth, has created a special SES website JUST for this purpose. you can access this site at <u>https://sesmoose.wordpress.com</u>. Our fantastic teachers have worked together to find resources and links to support you during this time. Jen has created the website **and** a spreadsheet on the website to help organize everything for you. Also, our performing arts teacher, Ms. Samm has provided a link for students to practice their performing arts acts on the website as well.

SCHEDULE & ROUTINE

We encourage you to create a daily schedule with your child that includes outside play, arts and crafts, reading, some activities from our shared website and exercise. If you need support creating a schedule that could work for your child, please contact your child's teacher. The teachers are truly more than happy to help you with this.

CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION

Because we do not want to overwhelm you, teachers will only be communicating several times a week to check in. However, they are available everyday to answer questions or even give more direct assignments if you want that support for your child.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you need assistance with securing food for your family, please access the resources listed on pages 2-5 (see below). This resource was shared with us by Community Action Pioneer Valley. Nurse Katie found Hampshire County food assistance and documented it on page 6 (see below).

SCHOOL/UNION 28 COMMUNICATION

We are posting all of our communication on our school website (<u>www.shutesburyschool.org</u>). We are dating and numbering communication so you can access the information you need.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and concerns. Please utilize our resource website! It is fantastic! <u>sesmoose.wordpress.com</u>

Much Appreciation, Jackie



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Franklin County Food Access Resources Created March 16, 2020 Compiled by Mary McClintock, Community Action Pioneer Valley & Franklin County Hunger Task Force

MEALS

GREENFIELD 2nd Helpings Meal

St. James & Andrew Episcopal Church, Church Street, Greenfield Mondays, 4-6:30pm: will be giving out bag lunches until further notice.

Franklin County Community Meals Program

Second Congregational Church, Court Square Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5-5:30pm: Will be giving out bag lunches until further notice

Salvation Army

72 Chapman Street Bag lunches 11:30am -12:30pm, Monday to Friday Food pantry: 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday Call first for intake to use Food pantry: (413) 773-3154

Stone Soup Café

All Souls Church, Hope Street Saturday Noon meal until further notice.

Cathedral in the Light

Greenfield Common Sunday 2pm church service and meal

TURNERS FALLS Franklin County Community Meals Program Our Lady of Peace Church, 7th Street Mondays, 5-5:30pm: Will be giving out bag lunches until further notice

Five Eyed Fox

37 3rd St, Turners Falls Five Eyed Fox in Turners Falls will be handing out free lunches (aimed at kids, but open to anyone in need) EVERY WEEK DAY AT NOON starting Tues 3/17. Porch pick up! If you need assistance, they will drop off/deliver. Text/call 760-855-8478 or email <u>fiveeyedfox@gmail.com</u>!



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ORANGE

Franklin County Community Meals Program

Orange Armory, 135 East Main Street

Thursdays, 5-5:30pm: Will be giving out bag lunches until further notice

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FOOD PANTRIES

GREENFIELD AND SHELBURNE FALLS

Center for Self-Reliance Food Pantries Center for Self-Reliance, 3 Osgood St. Greenfield: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 5

pm West County Emergency Food Pantry, 51 Maple St., Shelburne Falls: 2nd 3rd and 4th Wednesday 11 am to 5 pm

At both pantry sites:

1. Will provide pre-made bags for sidewalk pick up.

2. No weekly produce-only pick-ups.

3. If someone is sick and is exhibiting symptoms such as cough and fever we ask that they stay home or remain in their vehicle. Those who are ill or in quarantine should please call us at

(413) 773-5029. We will do our best to get food to those in need in these challenging times.

4. Call to check about any changes/updates.

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ORANGE

Orange Food Pantry, 118 East Main Street, Orange Open on Thursdays 10am to 3pm for drive through food pick-up

MONTHLY MOBILE FOOD BANK FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly Mobile Fook Banks are cancelled until further notice

MEALS FOR CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER

See this website for a list of info about meals for children during school closures: https://greenfield4sc.org/free-meals-for-kids-during-covid-19-school-closures/



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GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS is distributing meals in Greenfield, at Newton Elementary School, Greenfield Middle School, and Greenfield High School from 11am-1pm Monday-Friday: <u>School Closure Meal Plan for GPS (March 16)</u> FAQ from Greenfield Public School Food Services

GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is distributing meals at 12 locations in Montague, Turners Falls, Erving, and Gill, Monday-Friday on this schedule: * Turners Falls High School/GFMS – Front entrance 11:20-11:50 am Yellow Kuzmeskus school buses will be distributing along these routes: * Route 1 Hillcrest Elementary (student drop off parking lot) 11:20 – 11:50 am Unity Park parking lot 11:55 am – 12:30 pm Lake Pleasant Rutter's Park 12:45 – 1 pm * Route 2 Montague Center Town Common 11:30 – 11:45 am Millers Falls (Franklin Street – near Carroll) 12 – 12:20 pm Sheffield Elementary (main parking lot) 12:30 - 1 pm * Route 3 Montague Catholic Social Ministries, Turners Falls 11:20 -11:35 am 11:45 am -12:00 pm Ervingside Park near Fire Station Erving Center (Church Street Park near Fire Station) 12:15 – 12:30 pm Four Winds School Riverside, Gill 12:45 – 1:05 pm The Brick House, Turners Falls 1:10 – 1:30 pm More info: GMRSD School Closure Meal Plan (March 16)

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, which serves 19 towns, plans to deliver meals by bus to designated stops throughout Franklin County Monday-Friday starting March 16. They note that "all scheduled times are approximate, so please plan to be there 15 minutes early and/or stay 15 later in the event the bus is running late."

Bus 1: Kuzmeskus Bus

Pick up meals at Franklin County Tech: (10:35 AM) Drop off at: Unity Park Skate Park: (10:45 AM) Turners Falls Sheffield Elementary School (10:55 AM) Food City Parking Lot (11:05 AM) Farren Care Center (11:15 AM) Yankee Candle Parking Lot (11:30 AM) Whately Diner Parking Lot (11:40 AM) Whately Elementary School (11:55 AM) Sunderland Corner Store (Rt. 47 & 116) (12:10 PM) Montague Center Library (12:25 PM)



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Bus 2: Kuzmeskus Bus Co.

Pick up at Franklin County Tech: (10:35 AM) Meals drop off at Millers Falls Library: (10:45 AM) Meals drop off at Northfield Post Office: (11:05 AM) Meals drop off at Dollar General Bernardston: (11:20 AM Meals drop off at Four Leaf Clover Bernardston: (11:30 AM Meals drop off at McDonalds Greenfield: (11:45 AM) Meals drop off at YMCA Greenfield: (11:55 AM) Meals drop off at Fosters Supermarket: (12:05 PM Meals drop off at Leyden Woods: (12:15 PM)

Bus 3: Kuzmeskus Bus Co.

Pick up at Franklin County Tech: (10:35 AM) Meals drop off at Erving Town Hall: (10:50 AM) Meals drop off at Executive Inn Orange (off of Rt. 2): 11:05 AM Meals drop off at Post Office Orange: (11:20 AM) Meals drop off at Wendell Town Library (11:35 AM)

Bus 4: Kuzmeskus Bus Co.

Pick up at Franklin County Tech: (10:35 AM) Meals drop off at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School: (11:05 AM) Meals drop off at Colrain Fire Dept. (11:25 AM) Meals drop off at Heath Public Library: (11:35 AM) Meals drop off at Hawlemont Elementary School Charlemont/Hawley: (11:50 AM) More info: FCTS menu (week of March 16)

ORANGE/PETERSHAM/WENDELL/NEW SALEM

Bagged lunches will be available to the students of Orange, Petersham, Wendell and New Salem for pickup at Fisher Hill School and RC Mahar throughout the week from 11:00-12:00 p.m. Thanks to some incredible volunteers, we will be offering delivery to those who cannot make it to the schools. Simply complete this form by 10:00 a.m. each day to have your lunches delivered to you: https://qrgo.page.link/wT3wJ.

If you do not have internet access, you can call (978) 575-4202 at 10:30 a.m. each day to request a delivery.

*Please only make requests if you DO NOT have transportation to one of our sites, as we want to ensure our resources are used efficiently.



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Hampshire County Food Assistance

One of the challenges we are faced with in light of the recent school cancellations, in response to efforts being made to greatly minimize the spread of COVID-19, school lunches are not being served in many districts. Fortunately, our community has access to several food pantries/soup kitchens that are remaining open and available to our families in need. Please see below for a list of these kitchens.

Amherst Survival Center 138 Sunderland Road Amherst (413) 549-3968

The ASC is remaining open during school cancellations. Their pantry will be open for groceries and fresh produce. They will be serving lunch daily, in a takeout capacity only, from 12pm-1pm. They also serve dinner on Thursdays from 4pm-5pm, also in a takeout option only. As always, and more so during this time, they accept food and financial donations.

Not Bread Alone Soup Kitchen (First Church Amherst) 156 Main Street Amherst (413) 256- 0128

The Soup Kitchen serves 3 meals/week: Wednesday at 4pm, and Saturday/Sunday at 12pm. Meals at this time will only be available as takeout. Along with financial and food donations, Not Bread Alone is also looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen. For questions about donations and/or volunteering, contact Rob at rstover@chd.org

<u>Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst</u> 121 N. Pleasant Street Amherst (413) 253-2848

Craig'sDoors provides a meal on Wednesdays from 8am-10am also as a takeout option. They are looking for financial donations as well as food donations directly to Craig's Doors (413-256-0704)