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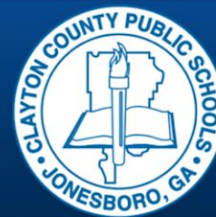
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CCPS Kicks off Holiday Season with Special Thanksgiving Meal Services

Hearts to Nourish Hope to provide 1,170 additional Food Boxes to Feed CCPS Families During Holiday

JONESBORO - As Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, we are proud to share with all stakeholders that the CCPS Nutrition Department will offer a special Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 19, 2020, to kick off the holiday season. All CCPS students and their siblings who are not enrolled in CCPS will dine on a holiday meal especially prepared for them. Meals will be provided via curbside picked up and along the bus delivery route, meals will be available for children (18 and younger), or those over 18 years of age with a state-defined disability.

"The holiday season is a special time as we express appreciation and gratitude for the many things we have been provided throughout the year," said Ms. Audrey Hamilton, CCPS Director of School Nutrition. "It has been a challenging year for everyone and we believe that by providing this special meal for our children, we are doing our part to spread a little holiday cheer to all during such a unique time," she added.

In addition to providing holiday meals, Clayton County Public Schools is committed to ensuring families are fed during the district's holiday closure, November 23 - November 27, during which time meal services and Friday meal pantries will not be provided. As a result of this commitment, Clayton County Public Schools has teamed up with the Hearts to Nourish Hope Organization to provide over 1,000 additional food boxes to families on Friday, November 20, as part of the CCPS/Atlanta Community Food Bank Friday Food Pantries.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the aforementioned community food pantries on Friday, November 20 at the following five sites: Huie Elementary School, Lee Street Elementary, West Clayton Elementary, Lovejoy High School, and Mt. Zion High School. All pantries will run from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. or until food supplies are depleted.

Hearts to Nourish Hope is a non-profit dedicated to advancing opportunities for youth and young adults aged 16 - 24. By providing vital resources and programs, Hearts enables students to reinforce life skills, confidence, and education to improve circumstances.

"It is always wonderful when people can come together to provide resources for the community during the holiday season and beyond," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent/CEO of Schools. "Our school system and employees have worked tirelessly during this pandemic to meet the needs of our stakeholders while providing a quality educational experience to our students in light of these unprecedented times. I applaud the efforts of our school nutrition employees, school social workers,

maintenance staff, transportation team, and all employees, as well as the generosity of Ms. Deborah Anglin at Hearts to Nourish Hope, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and of all partners for sewing these seeds of community togetherness as we strive to uplift our community.”

“Hearts to Nourish Hope is always happy to collaborate with CCPS to feed our community.” said Deborah Anglin, Chief Executive Officer of Hearts to Nourish Hope, Inc. “We thank Dr. Beasley for his leadership, collaboration and commitment to our community and thank you to all his staff for their hard work. Now more than ever, families are in need of support, Hearts will continue to work with CCPS to provide support for our community.”

Please see the additional community food services available below:

Hearts to Nourish Hope, Inc.

Hearts to Nourish Hope, Inc. will provide 500 breakfast and lunch meals on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24, for Clayton children starting at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until supplies are gone. Children must be 18 years of age and under to receive the meals. Families are encouraged to visit Hearts to Nourish Hope, located at 640 Highway 138 in Riverdale, Georgia to receive these meals.

In addition, Hearts to Nourish Hope provides food items each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. While this service will not be available during the week of Thanksgiving, this opportunity will resume on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 as scheduled.

Reaping the Harvest Outreach Ministries International- Thursday, November 19, 2020

Reaping the Harvest Outreach Ministries International will host a Blessing Hands Food Pantry on Thursday, November 19, 2020. To begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m., Reaping the Harvest Outreach Ministries International is located at 100 Hendricks Drive Suite 150 in McDonough, Georgia. For more information, please call 470-878-6468.

Representative Demetrius Douglas’ 7th Annual Turkey Giveaway - November 21, 2020

State Representative Demetrius Douglas will host his 7th annual Turkey Giveaway on Saturday, November 21, 2020. To be held at two locations (Lovejoy High School in Clayton County and Smith-Barnes Elementary School in Henry County) this event will give out turkeys and 500 food boxes at each location on a first come-first served basis. Distributions will occur at Lovejoy High School from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and at Smith-Barnes Elementary from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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