

## News release



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## **50 years of free summer food programs**

*ANY child from one to 18 years of age has access to free meals, thanks to federal funding*



*The War on Poverty* continues almost 50 years after it was declared by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It's a battle not yet won.

However, students across the country AND right here in Everett Public Schools have access to free summer meals through Thursday, Aug. 21 (*unless otherwise noted below*). Because many students depend upon food programs during the school year, the summer food programs continue to provide healthy meals when school is out. These sites are open for any child to drop in 1 to 18 years of age for a free meal.

Everett Public Schools food and nutrition department oversees summer meal programs at the following locations and times:

### **Emerson Elementary**

8702 7th Ave SE Everett 98208 **(July 15-Aug 14, M-Th)** noon to 12:30 p.m.

### **Everett Boy's & Girl's Club**

2316 12th St., Everett, WA 98201 11:30 a.m. to noon

### **Family Tree Apts.**

10110 19th Ave SE, Everett, 98208 (near Costco) noon to 12:30 p.m.

### **Garfield Elementary**

2215 Pine St., Everett, 98201 11:30 a.m. to noon

### **Grandview Center**

718 Linden, Everett, 98201 noon to 12:45 p.m.

### **Hawthorne Elementary**

1110 Poplar, Everett, 98201 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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**Heatherwood Apts.**

13510 N Creek Dr., Mill Creek, 98012

noon to 12:30 p.m.

**Madison Elementary**

616 Pecks Dr., Everett 98203 **(7/28-8/15 M-Th)**

noon to 12:30 p.m.

**Mill Pointe Apts.**

3111 132nd St SE, Everett, 98208

noon to 12:30 p.m.

**Pineview Apts.**

220 1/2 E 98th PL SE, Everett, 98208 (near Target)

noon to 12:45 p.m.

**Sequoia High School**

3516 Rucker Ave., Everett 98201 **(July 8—Aug 15)**

10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

**Trailside Village Apts.**

1300 100th PL SE, Everett, 98208 (near Everett Mall)

11:30 a.m. to noon

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) summer meal programs operate in partnership with the Federal government, state agencies, and local organizations to serve free meals to children age 18 years and younger.



USDA reimburses school districts for the meals served; state agencies oversee the program; and local organizations, including schools, nonprofits, parks and recreation departments, libraries, and faith-based groups serve the meals. Summer meals programs are critical to children in need because we know that only a portion of students participate in summer meal programs compared to those that participate during the school year.

During the 2012-2013 school year, approximately 21 million across the country children accessed free and reduced price meals, while only approximately 3.5 million children in the country took part in a meal program during the summer 2013.

Last year, Everett Public Schools fed a record breaking 24,164 meals during the summer. The district's summer food program is expected to serve an average of 700 meals a day from July to August.