

MEET UP EAT UP

WHAT IS MEET UP EAT UP?

Meet Up Eat Up is a summer food program that provides nutritious lunches to children up to age 18 (or up to 26 for any special needs child/adult), living in low-income areas, where 50% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM WORK?

School food service staff make and distribute the meals each day. Meals are made in a sack lunch style and must be eaten on site. Lunches will be served from 12:30-1:30 Monday through Thursday. In addition to meals, local non-profits partner to provide fun activities and outreach opportunities to those who attend. The Georgetown Library uses this opportunity to bring the Summer Reading program to those who may not be able to get to the library.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM?

The whole community! Kids who rely on meals provided by their school would otherwise go without lunch during the summer months. 1 in 8 teens go hungry "sometimes, most of the times, or always" in Ottawa County because there is not enough food at home (according to the latest Youth Assessment Survey). On top of this, parents of these children can rest assured that their kids not only have a meal but also some fun entertainment. Community partners benefit as they can use this opportunity as outreach for their organization or business. And, above all, the more we help other community members, the better our community is. Last year, the site served on average 64 meals per day, with a record of 135 in the earliest weeks of the summer. Jenison and Hudsonville served 2,690 meals in 2019!

