

## MEALS FOR KIDS DURING SUMMER BREAK

Summer EBT, or "SUN BUCKS" has been authorized by the USDA to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer months. SUN BUCKS 2024 will provide a \$120 annual benefit to eligible children, via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) issuance by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) later this summer. Illinois is one of 36 states that have announced their intent to launch Summer 2024.

Schramm Educational Center and Rogers Academy are both Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools. CEP is a program that allows schools in low-income areas to feed all students for free during the school year, regardless of each student's economic level.

Students who are deemed income-eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch through direct certification will automatically be enrolled in the SUN BUCKS program. For students that are not income-eligible an application will be made available after the school year has ended to apply for the SUN BUCKS program.

For questions, you may reach out to Kara Kerby, [kkerby@tmcsea.org](mailto:kkerby@tmcsea.org) (Schramm School), or Marisa Larkin, [mlarkin@tmcsea.org](mailto:mlarkin@tmcsea.org) (Rogers Academy). They can also be reached at 309-346-1186. The IDHS helpline can also answer questions at 833-621-0737.

The following links could also be placed on our website.

- [Summer EBT Information](#) (English)
- [Summer EBT Information](#) (Spanish)