



The Eagle Eye



YOUR EYE ON THE GOLDEN EAGLES

MAY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

May 2025

1-May	JV/Varsity Baseball	Monmouth-Roseville HS @ Northside	4:30 PM
	JV/V Softball	Monmouth-Roseville HS @ Apollo Ball Diamond	4:30 PM
2-May	Dental Clinic	Apollo, MCJH & HS	TBA
	HS Track	@ Sherrard	4:00 PM
	JH Track	AIWood Middle: Cambridge, Immac. Conception: ROVA; United & West Central	4:00 PM
	Varsity Baseball	@ Kewanee	4:30 PM
	JV Baseball	TRAC Crossover-Kewanee HS @ Northside	4:30 PM
	JV/V Softball	TRAC Crossover @ Kewanee	4:30 PM
3-May	V Baseball	@ United Township HS	11:00 AM
5-May	V Baseball	@ Riverdale HS	4:30 PM
	JV Baseball	Riverdale @ Northside	4:30 PM
	JV/V Softball	@ Riverdale	4:30 PM
6-May	5th/8th Grade Physical & Immunization Clinic	MCJH	8:30 -10:30 AM
	MCHS Spring Concert	MCHS	7:00 PM
7-May	SIP DAY	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Track	PLC Meet @ Kewanee HS	4:00 PM
	MCHS Art Show	MCHS	4:30-7:30 PM
	MCHS Awards Night	MCHS Auditorium	6:00 PM
8-May	Timely and Meaningful Meeting	District Office	2:30 PM
	HS Girls Track	TRAC Conference Meet @ Sunny Lane Field	3:00 PM
	V Baseball	Riverdale @ Northside	4:30 PM
	JV Baseball	@ Riverdale HS	4:30 PM
	JV/V Softball	Riverdale @ Apollo Ball Diamond	4:30 PM
	Spring Fling	Apollo	6-8 PM
9-May	JV Baseball	MC JV Jamboree @ Northside	4:00 PM
10-May	JV Baseball	MC JV Jamboree @ Northside	9:00 AM
	JH Track	Triangular: Rockridge JH & Sherrard @ MCHS	10:00 AM
	JV/V Softball	Mendota HS @ Apollo Ball Diamond	10:00 AM
12-May	JV/V Softball	@ Brimfield HS	4:30 PM
13-May	JH Track	@ Monmouth Sunny Lane Track	4:00 PM
	JV/Varsity Baseball	Princeville @ Northside Ball Diamond	4:30 PM
	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	District Office	6:00 PM
14-May	SIP DAY	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	HS Girls Track-IHSA Sectional	@ Home	3:00 PM



May 2025 Activities Calendar Continued

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15-May	JV/V Baseball	Geneseo HS @ Northside Ball Diamond	4:30 PM
	Athletic Booster Meeting	MCHS Library	5:30 PM
	Preschool Graduation	ELC	6:00 PM
16-May	V Softball	Rockridge Spring Softball Classic @ Muscatine Kent-Stein Park	TBA
	HS Boys Track	TRAC Conference Meet @ Sherrard	3:00 PM
	JV/V Baseball	Co-op: AlWood/Cambridge/Ridgewood @ Northside Ball Diamond	4:30 PM
17-May	V Softball	Rockridge Spring Softball Classic @ Muscatine Kent-Stein Park	4:30 PM
	JH Track—IESA Sectional	TBA	TBA
18-May	MCHS Graduation	MCHS Auditorium	2:00 PM
19-May	Finance Committee Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
20-May	Last Day of Preschool	ELC	
	V Baseball & Softball –IHSA Regional	TBA	TBA
21-May	SIP DAY	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
22-May	Preschool Screening	ELC	12-7 PM
	HS Girls Track-IHSA State	EIU	TBA
23-May	JH Track-IESA State	@East Side Center in East Peoria	TBA
	HS Boys Track-IHSA Sectional	Wethersfield HS	TBA
	Preschool Screening	ELC	9-3 PM
24-May	JH Track-IESA State	TBA	TBA
	HS Girls Track-IHSA State	EIU	TBA
26-May	No School	Memorial Day	
26-May	Memorial Day Parade	MCHS Band	10:45 AM
27-May	Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	V Baseball & Softball-IHSA Sectional	TBA	TBA
28-May	No School	Teachers Institute	
	Varsity Baseball & Softball-IHSA Sectional	TBA	TBA
29-May	HS Boys Track-IHSA State	EIU	TBA
31-May	HS Boys Track-IHSA State	EIU	TBA



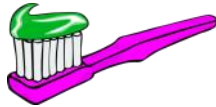
Physical and Immunization Requirements For 2025-2026 School Year

All students entering Pre-Kindergarten (for the first time), Kindergarten, Second, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth grades must have the following information before starting school in the fall:

Remember students who do not fulfill these requirements will be excluded from school until the requirements are up-to-date. No exceptions. **Do not wait to schedule your appointments**

Preschool Requirements

Physical Exam
Lead Screening
Immunizations



Kindergarten Requirements:

Physical Exam
Lead Screening
Dental Exam
Immunizations
Vision Exam



Second Grade:

Dental Exam

Sixth Grade Requirements:

Physical Exam (School Physical)
Dental Exam
Tdap, 1st Meningitis vaccines
2nd Varicella if not already completed
Hepatitis B if not already completed

Reminder: Do NOT get a sports physical



Ninth Grade Requirements:

Physical Exam (School Physical)
2nd Varicella if not already completed
Tdap if not already completed
1st Meningitis if not already completed
Dental Exam

Reminder: Do NOT get a sports physical

Twelfth Grade Requirements

2nd Meningitis Vaccine

Dental Examination Requirement For Incoming Kindergarten, Second, Sixth, and Ninth Grade

All children entering Kindergarten, Second, Sixth, and Ninth grade are required to show proof of having a dental exam. All children in these grades must have a dental exam on file at the school. Forms will be sent home with the 2025 incoming 2nd graders. Kindergarten dental papers were included in their Kindergarten Round Up Packet. Sixth Grade dental papers were sent home with their physical and Immunization paperwork in March at the end of 3rd Quarter. Ninth Grade dental papers were sent home at Freshman Orientation. We will be offering the "Dental Clinic" some time during the 2025-2026 school year. We will not have dates confirmed until fall.

REMINDER.....Get your appointments early this summer so you don't get caught in the rush this next school year. Students who will be in sixth and ninth grade, your school physical also counts as your athletic physical. Make sure these exams are recorded on Illinois forms not Iowa or another state's forms.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Mercer County School District is required to spend a proportionate amount of money to provide services to children with disabilities who are home-schooled or enrolled in private schools within the district boundaries. A Timely and Meaningful Consultation meeting for the aforementioned families will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8th, 2025 in the district office located at 203 N Washington St in Joy. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about parental and student rights regarding special education services specified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and Title One services as specified in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Mercer County School District Superintendent Tim Farquer ([309/582-2238](tel:3095822238)).



MCHS BAND MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

May 1 – Mercer County Show Choir/Jazz Band Tour – All day

May 6 – High School Spring Music Concert 7:00 pm @ MCHS Auditorium/Gymnasium

May 21 – Mercer County Community Band Rehearsal @ MC High School – 6:30 p.m.

May 26 – Memorial Day Parade
MCHS Marches – 10:45 a.m.

May 27 – Mercer County Community Band Rehearsal @ MC High School – 6:30 p.m.

June 7 – Jazz Band performs @ Rhubarb Fest
10am – noon



Physical and Immunization Clinic

PROVIDED BY MERCYONE
GENESIS AND MERCER
COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

WHERE: MCJH

- PHYSICAL MEETS 6TH & 9TH GRADE REQUIREMENT AND MEETS REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPORTS PHYSICAL FOR 13 MONTHS
- IMMUNIZATIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Mercer County Community Band

Attention all former and current band students: Mr. Ruggles is going to put together the 22nd Annual Community Band this summer made up of musicians in Mercer County. All ages from graduating 8th graders on up to adults can participate. Rehearsals will start again on May 27th on Tuesday evenings at the Mercer County High School starting at 6:30pm. People who haven't played their instrument in years should not be scared! This is your opportunity to play again for fun.

This is a great community activity for Mercer County, but we need musicians to make it work. If you are interested, please contact Rusty Ruggles at work – 582-2223 ext. 30, at home – 582-8305 or email: ruggles30@yahoo.com



PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

May 15 Preschool Graduation at ELC @ 6 p.m. **Doors will unlock at 5:45 p.m.**

May 20 last day of preschool.

May 22 fall screenings 12-7 p.m. (child must be 3 y/o at time of screening.)

May 23 Fall screenings 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 24 Fall screenings 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

July 22 Fall screenings 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call 309-584-5001 or
email olearyj@mercerschools.org
for screening appointments.



IMPORTANT DATES

High School Graduation is
Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 PM.

Last Day of School is May
27th with a 2:00 PM Dismissal.

Teacher's Institute —
No School—May 28th



MCHS SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

The MCHS Spring Music Concert (grades 9-12) will be Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm. Performing will be Treble Choir, Concert Choir, JV Band, Varsity Band, and the MCHS Jazz Band. Awards will also be given and Seniors will be recognized. The concert will begin in the Auditorium. All are invited to "come on down", sit back, and enjoy some familiar and some new tunes. The MCHS Music Department thanks you for your continued support!



Contact Information

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Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

May 5	AP Bio 8am AP Euro 12:00pm
May 6	AP Chem 8:00am
May 7	National Honor Society Inductions 2:30pm Awards Night 6:00pm
May 9	AP Art Portfolios Due
May 12	AP Calc 8:00am
May 18	Graduation 2:00pm
May 27	Last Day of School (End of 4th Qtr/Sem 2)
May 29	Top 10 Dinner 6:00pm

2025 AP Exams

Students who are currently taking AP European History, AP Chemistry, AP Biology and AP Calculus will be taking their AP exams in May at the MCHS Library. The AP Bio exam will be May 5th starting at 8am, please arrive by 7:45 am. The AP Euro will be May 5th at 12pm, please arrive by 11:45am. The AP Chem exam will be May 6th starting at 8:00 am please arrive by 7:45am. The AP Calc exam will be May 12th at 8am, please arrive by 7:45am.

AP Art submissions are due on May 9th. Any questions, please see the counseling office.

MCHS Senior Awards Night 2025

Awards night will be held at the high school on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm in the auditorium for Seniors (Class of 2025) only. Students who will be receiving an award and or scholarship will be sent an invitation letter.



*Please stop by the
counselor's office
with any questions
or concerns you
may have about
Post-Secondary
plans.*

Seniors Planning to Attend BHC

Seniors who plan to attend Black Hawk College (BHC) should register for the Accuplacer Placement Test by calling BHC at 309-796-5352 or 796-5100. The Accuplacer is an untimed, computerized test that helps colleges evaluate your skills and places you into appropriate courses. Accuplacer offers tests in **Reading, Writing, Math, Writing Essay, and English as a Secondary Language**. Students will receive their Accuplacer test results immediately upon completion of testing, and your score report will include a placement message informing you of what courses you should take and how to register.

Top Ten Percent of the Senior Class

The top ten percent of the Senior class may receive two consecutive years of free tuition at Black Hawk College immediately following high school (including summer) if renewal criteria is met. Students must submit the following information before May 15th.

Complete BHC application

Enroll at BHC full-time

Complete a BHC Academic Achievement Award Form

Scholarships for 2025 Graduates

The following scholarships are due in May. Please check details on the Guidance scholarship page on the school website.

May 1 Mellinger Education Foundation

Other scholarships still available:

June 1 NursingExams.org Student Scholarships

American College Foundation Visionary

June 2 *New* Schoolhouse Scholarship

June 30 "No Sweat" Scholarship

July 15 Gold Star FS Scholarship & Work Program



Attention Juniors & Seniors

Things to think about over the summer for Junior & Seniors:

Juniors need to start thinking about their post high school plans. If a student is planning on attending a two or four year college/university we encourage them to start looking into their options. We would encourage all juniors to narrow down their choices to no more than five before the start of the school year.

If possible, take a visit to one or two over the summer. Seniors should try to narrow down their college/university selections to around 3 by the beginning of their senior year. Take the summer to research what the guidelines are for these colleges/universities and visit them if possible.

ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$69

ACT Plus Writing—\$94

(late fee required—\$38)



The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Deadline</u>
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

Students may register on-line at www.act.org and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless of the number of times the test has been taken. **Fee waivers are available if you qualify.



School Counselors

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ATTENTION: MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL
THE JOY POST OFFICE IS GETTING
GEARED UP FOR THIS YEAR'S
CHRISTMAS CANCELLATION STAMP
THE FEATURED DESIGN FOR 2025
WE ENCOURGE **ALL STUDENT** WHO WANTS
TO PARTICPATE IN THE FUN
OF SEEING THEIR DESIGN
ON THOUSANDS OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS

- ❖ MUST BE IN PENCIL {NO INK OR MARKERS}
- ❖ MUST BE ORIGINAL ARTWORK, NO PHOTOCOPIES
- ❖ MUST BE ABLE TO FIT INTO 2X4 SQUARE
- ❖ MUST SAY: HOLIDAY STATION OR JOY STATION
- ❖ NO RELIGIOUS, ANTI-RELIGIOUS WORDS OR SYBMOLS
- ❖ MUST LEAVE ROOM FOR THE DATE/YEAR
- ❖ PLEASE HAVE ARTIST NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
- ❖ **IDEAS: HOLLY, WREATH, CANDY CANES, SNOWFLAKES, ECT.**
- ❖ **SIMPLE, CRISP, AND CLEAN**

DEADLINE IS MAY 31ST

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF ALL ENTRIES TO THE JOY POST OFFICE
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,

PLEASE CALL 309-584-5100

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE ALL THE ENTRIES THIS YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

VICKIE



Mercer County Basketball Camp

Location: 203 N. Washington St., Joy, IL 61260

2nd - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Camp -- 1 week June 2, 3, 4, 5

Let's sharpen up those basketball skills! This camp will stress the development and improvement of the fundamentals including ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive stance.

Led by the high school basketball staff and players, your first week of summer will be a blast!

Participants will sharpen up their skills through individual and team drills. There will be fun basketball games and competition throughout the sessions.

Please register by May 23rd to secure your spot in camp.

High School Boys Basketball Camp -- 1 week June 2, 3, 4, 5

This camp will focus on advanced skills of playing basketball, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Emphasis will be placed on building upon the fundamentals and developing offensive and defensive strategies. Sessions will consist of demonstrations, intensive individual and team drills.

Please register by May 23rd to secure your spot in camp.

WHEN

June 3, 4, 5, 6

WHO

2 - 5 8:30 - 9:30

6 - 8 9:30 - 11:00

9 - 12 11:00 - 1pm

WHERE MC Joy Gym

COST

\$40 (includes t-shirt)

----- (Detach Here) Return the bottom form to any Mercer County school office. -----

Registration Form

MCHS BB

CAMPER: _____ GRADE (fall '25): _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

Shirt Size: YOUTH YM YL YXL ADULT S M L XL 2XL

I, the parent/guardian of the athlete identified below, give my permission for him to participate in the Mercer County Basketball camp. I further agree that the Mercer County CUSD #404 or anyone associated with the camp is not legally responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur during camp.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attention Aledo 2nd - 5th Graders

Register for FALL 2025~ 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th GRADE YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL

The Aledo Youth Football program, a division of the *Youth Sports Foundation*, is available to any Aledo area youth entering the 3rd - 6th grade in the fall of 2025.

The tackle football program begins the week of August 11th and includes introduction skills for tackle football, and a six-game schedule. Games are held on Sundays beginning September 7th.

ONLINE REGISTRATION-EQUIPMENT FITTING INFORMATION

Register Online by going to the YSF website and locate your YSF community!

www.youthsportsfoundation.org

Online registration fee is \$70.00 for the 3-4 grade and \$90.00 for the 5-6 grade program (an additional \$5.00 processing fee will be added to the total amount). An optional hard-cup chin strap is also available for \$25.

Make Plans To Attend One Of The Required Equipment Fitting Dates!

Dates: Sunday, May 4th (2:00-4:00 p.m.) & Monday, May 5th (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Location: Football Shed by the Apollo Softball Diamond

Mark Your Calendar To Attend The May 4th or May 5th Equipment Fitting date!
Online registration will be open until May 3rd

After Friday, June 27th a \$50.00 Late Fee will be added.

Online registrations after the scheduled area equipment fitting date may be accepted at the discretion of the coordinator for each town! Team numbers are limited. Register early! No refunds after August 15th.

The Youth Sports Foundation offers: Certified Coaches, USA Football affiliation, and full equipment. Our focus is on learning fundamentals and an opportunity to learn the sport of tackle football without a highly competitive atmosphere.

3-4 Age Policy: During the football season, the registered YSF youth must be in the 3rd or 4th grade and must turn at least 7 years of age during the 3rd grade school year and must not turn 11 before September 15th of their 4th grade year.

5-6 Age Policy: During the football season, the registered YSF youth must be in the 5th or 6th grade and must turn at least 10 years of age during the 5th grade school year and must not turn 13 before September 15th of their 6th grade year.

Refunds (less \$35.00) offered up until 3:30 P.M. Friday, August 15th. Allow 4-6 weeks to process.

For further questions contact your area coordinator: *Megan Koenig-Icenogle (319) 457-2711*
or email: *BrwnEyedGem04@aol.com*

Call the YSF office: 563-288-2541

To learn more about the Youth Sports Foundation visit our website: www.youthsportsfoundation.org



MERCER COUNTY PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS



When:

May 22, 2025 from 12:00-7:00pm
May 23, 2025 from 9:00-3:00pm
June 24, 2025 from 12:00-6:00pm
July 22, 2025 from 9:00-3:00pm



Where:

Mercer County ELC
Mercer County ELC
YMCA Children's School
YMCA Children's School



How to schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment. If you cannot scan the QR code, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/598WJiSnhYewchju5>
Or contact Jodi O'Leary at email: olearyj@mercerschools.org
phone: 309-584-5001

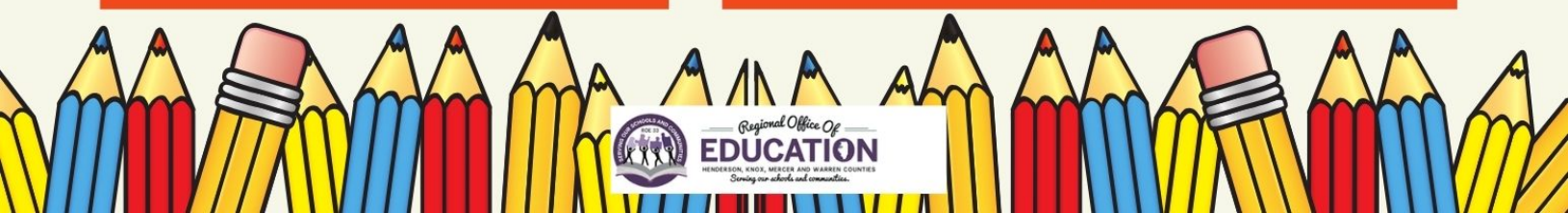


What to bring:

- Proof of income
 - W2, Tax Return, or Snap/link card
- Birth certificate
- Up to date physical and Immunization records

Information:

Child **MUST** be at least 3 years of age at the time of screening. Screenings are required for families wanting to enroll their child into preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. Date and location do not determine placement.




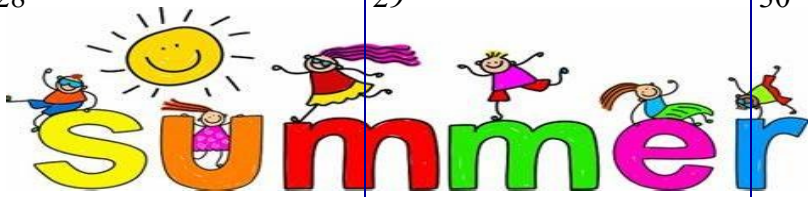



May Breakfast Menu 2025

Menu Subject to Change

Skim Chocolate and
1% White milk served
everyday



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Nondiscrimination: In the operation of USDA Child Nutrition programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. If you feel you have been, please call (309) 582-2238.</p>			1 Breakfast pizza Fruit/milk	2 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Fruit/milk
5 Mini Pancakes/Waffles (Sugar Free Syrup 1/4c) Fruit/milk	6 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk	7 Sausage or bacon Egg Hash brown Fruit/milk	8 Breakfast burrito Fruit/milk	9 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk
12 Whole grain muffin Cheese stick Fruit/milk	13 Eggs Multi-grain bar Fruit/milk	14 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk	15 Breakfast pizza Fruit/milk	16 Mini Pancakes/Waffles (Sugar Free Syrup 1/4c) Fruit/milk
19 COOK'S CHOICE	20 COOK'S CHOICE	21 COOK'S CHOICE	22 COOK'S CHOICE 	23 COOK'S CHOICE
26 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	27 COOK'S CHOICE	28 	29	30 



May Lunch Menu 2025

Menu Subject to Change

Skim Chocolate and
1% White milk served
everyday



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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			Pancakes w/ syrup Hashbrown Sausage links Yogurt cup	Chef salad w/ ham, cheese, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes Breadstick Fruit/milk
5	6	7	8	9
Crispito Refried beans Tortilla chips salsa Fruit/milk	Ribette on a bun Romaine lettuce w/ cherry tomatoes Cheese stick Fruit/milk	Cheese rite on a bun Tomato slice Fresh carrots Fruit/milk	Tenderloin on a bun Green beans Baked chips Fruit/milk	Pizza Broccoli & cauliflower w/ Ranch Goldfish crackers Fruit/milk
12	13	14	15	16
Chicken poppers Baked beans Cottage cheese Fruit/milk	Mini corn dogs Cheesy potatoes Fruit/milk	Biscuit with chicken gravy Cottage cheese Fresh broccoli Fruit/milk	Chicken patty on a bun Fresh carrots Cookie Fruit/milk	Shrimp poppers Romaine lettuce w/ cucumbers and cherry tomatoes Fruit/milk
19	20	21	22	23
COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE	COOK'S CHOICE
26	27	28	29	30
NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	COOK'S CHOICE	