



Thursday, May 1, 2019

Dear Mead Elementary Community,

We are so excited to introduce our new Food Share Table at Mead Elementary! In an effort to reduce the amount of food wasted, a food share table will allow students the opportunity to have access to food or more food items with their lunch at no cost. The food shared table is an effective way to manage food waste, address food insecurity, and keep our environment clean!

What is a Food Share Table?

It's a table or station where you put your unopened crackers, chips, cheese, muffins, yogurt, cartons of milk, and other food that is in its original packaging (not food in snack bags). You can also put whole, unpeeled fruit on the Food Share Table. No cut-up or bitten-from fruit, please!

Why would we want a Food Share Table?

- Environmental responsibility: 40% of our food goes in landfills. This is wasteful and creates methane (a harmful greenhouse gas).
 - Food insecurity: One out of five students at our school struggles to have enough to eat.
- will help you learn more about this issue.
- Saves money, energy and time!

How does a Food Share Table work?

- If students don't finish the food in their lunches and it's unopened, they can either take it back home or put it on the Food Share Table.

What will happen with the extra food?

- It will be reused by the school cafeteria.
- It will be eaten by Mead Elementary Students at lunch.
- It will be reused by teachers for kids who do not have a snack at school.

How can parents help?

- Pack food your child will eat.
- Talk to your child about the importance of not wasting food.
- Check out the Web Menu Mobile App with its visual menu and nutritional/allergen information



The Food Share Table will begin, Thursday, May 2, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Thank you so much for your support in this important endeavor.

Sincerely, The Food Rescue Team