



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

May 2019



IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR MAY

May 2nd....Gr. 4-6 Spring Program 7:00 PM
May 3rd....2nd Show Gr. 4-6 Spring Program 8:15AM
May 7th....JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM
May 14th...PTO Meeting 3:15 PM in Library
May 14th...Swoop Family Night 6 - 7:30 PM
May 20th...KDG Field Day
May 21st...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM

May 23rd....6th Grade Celebration 6:30 PM
May 24th....6th Grade Transition Day at UMS
May 27th...No School – Memorial Day
May 28th....4th – 6th Grade Field Day
May 29st...1st – 3rd Grade Field Day
May 30th....Last Day of School

Teacher Appreciation recognized by PTO May 6-10

Give a Shamrock Shout Out to our wonderful staff with a thoughtful message, thank you cards, student coloring page, kind email etc. Your support and kindness are very much appreciated!

North Liberty Elementary Teacher of the Year goes to...drum roll please!

1st Grade Teacher Nicole Buss!!! Mrs. Buss started teaching at NLES in 2008 and prior to that 6 years in the School City of Mishawaka. Mrs. Buss utilizes high energy and multiple learning styles to help engage students in their learning. Her cheerful disposition and ability to reinforce students to persevere and build confidence is truly amazing to witness in her classroom. Mrs. Buss will be recognized at the JGSC reception on May 22 at JGHS.

Fun Fair Candy Land was Amazing!

NLES PTO is proud to announce that 2019 Fun Fair was a **HUGE** success! We want to thank everybody for taking part in this huge fundrasier to support our wonderful school. A special **THANK YOU** to all the **SUPER** volunteers that came together and worked hard to make the **Fun Fair** operate smoothly! We truly do have amazing parents, community members and **NLES, UMS and JGHS** student service groups. The PTO is extremely excited to reinvest all the proceeds into the school, classrooms, and most importantly **NLES STUDENTS!!** Without the **AMAZINGLY** supportive community none of this would be possible! Stay tuned to see what other cool things the PTO is up to! The PTO Board has done an **AMAZING** job leading the events and making North Liberty Elementary “a great place to learn, teach, lead and succeed.”

NLES PTO 32 Auctions Orthodontics Package

Click www.32auctions.com/nlesortho2019 and login to bid on the braces package donated by Dr. Shawn Long. The auction will close May 28 at 3 PM EDT.

Blessings in a Backpack – Rise ‘n Roll Orders Pick Up

Orders may be picked up at the North Liberty Church of the Brethren (white church next to NLES) on Friday, May 10 from 2:30pm-4:30pm and Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am-11:00am. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of children at North Liberty Elementary School!

Parent Climate Survey

Periodically schools will ask input from parents in the form of a parent survey that relates to our school improvement efforts. This valuable input will allow our school improvement team to analyze the data and build on strengths and improve on areas of concern.

Please fill out the survey for each child as it relates to your experience for this current school year. If a primary guardian has been established, let that person complete the survey for each child in their current grade. Click on the hyperlink below and thank you for taking the time to give input to our school. The survey window will close May 3. [Parent Survey](#)



About Our Auction

This package is for one complete orthodontics case per patient. Valued up to \$4925.00 .

This service will be provided by Dr. Shawn Long. 2 locations are available, 16329 State Road 23 South Bend, or 231 West Bristol in Elkhart.

Rules

1. Cannot be transferred to another.
2. Must be an established patient within one year of purchase.
3. Insurance and medical reimbursement cannot be used with the auction certificate or Invisalign.
4. No money is transferred through Dr. Long's office.

About North Liberty Elementary PTO

We are raising funds to benefit the students and staff at NLES. The PTO has various events throughout the year for students and staff. These include Grandparents Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Elves Workshop, scholarships, Honor Roll Breakfast, just to name a few. Fun Fair is our largest Fundraiser we have to help with these events. Please take a look at our online auction. Thank You

College and Career Readiness Week

May 20th – 24th

During the week of May 20th, daily announcements will be read to encourage students to think about their future college and career goals.

Students may observe the following days:

Monday, May 20th

Wear your favorite college/trade school shirt.

Tuesday, May 21st

Wear your future career outfit.

Wednesday, May 22nd

Wear a hat or your graduation cap

For the High School Senior Parade.

Thursday, May 23rd

Dress as if you are going to an interview.

Friday, May 24th

Wear your favorite college/trade school shirt.

Thank you for taking time to discuss your child's interests, hobbies, and future careers with them.

Mrs. Stephanie Reynolds, College and Career Counselor

Ms. Mackenzi Lowry, College and Career Coach

Mrs. Melanie Heiser, NLES Counselor, Coordinator of Counseling for JGSC

Summer Enrichment 2019

Dear parents,

Registration for Summer Enrichment is just starting. Enrichment will be held at Walkerton Elementary from Monday June 3rd to June 28th. This is to coincide with the 4 weeks of Summer School in June. We will be **closed** over the week of July 4th again this year. The second session will be at North Liberty Elementary from July 8th to Friday August 9th. Summer Enrichment program will be from 6:00am until 6:00pm. If your child is involved in other programs held at WES ,during Summer School only, and would like to join ours after they are finished in the AM arrangements may be made through Mrs. Charman Dreessen. Part time enrollment is available at 3 days a week. **I do not accept kids for just the field trips only.** The cost of the program will be \$20 a day along with a \$10 registration fee. Registration fee is due by May 10, 2018 to guarantee a spot; if the program is not full by May 17 registrations will still be accepted. Payments are to be paid the beginning of each week during the enrichment.

A few of the Field Trips planned: Bowling/Michigan City Lighthouse Museum
Splash Pad Walkerton/NL
Blueberry picking/Potato Creek

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Childs' name_____

Age_____ Grade just finished_____

Parents' Name_____

Address_____

Phone:_____ Work Phone_____

Emergency Contact (name) _____

(other than parent)

Emergency Phone_____

Allergies_____

Dentist (name & phone)_____

Doctor (name & phone)_____



FREE NUTRITIOUS MEALS

Even when school is out good nutrition is in!

Summertime is a great time to get out and enjoy a free meal with your friends!

John Glenn School Corporation will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program Sponsored by the USDA.
FREE meals will be available to ALL children ages 1 – 18
at the following locations and times:

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

FREE LUNCH served from 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm
June 4 - 28 Mon - Fri

WALKERTON ELEMENTARY

FREE BREAKFAST served from 7:30 am - 8:45 am
June 4 - 28 Mon - Fri
FREE LUNCH served from 11:30 pm – 12:30 pm
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NORTH LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

FREE BREAKFAST 7:30 am – 8:45 am
June 4 – 28 Mon - Fri
FREE LUNCH served from 11:30 pm – 12:30 pm
June 4 – 28 Mon - Fri
July 8 – 30 Mon - Fri

Adult Breakfast: \$1.50

Adult Lunch: \$3.00

For questions about this program please contact Amie Greenboam
Food Service Director at 574-586-3186

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Gym-NEWS-ium

2019 FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY, FIELD DAY, AT NORTH LIBERTY

This year we are excited to see the return of the North Liberty Shamrock's Field Days. This will be the eighth annual Field Day that will be sponsored by the NLES PE Department. For many of you who were North Liberty Alumni, you probably have fond memories of NLES Field Days from the past. This year's plan is to hold an afternoon of fun filled events for the different grade levels. 1st through 6th grade classes will compete with each other on their grade level in six events. The Field Days Events will begin as soon as the students are done with their lunches. The events and recognitions will take the entire afternoon. We will move the event indoors if the weather is bad. We appreciate all the parents who have volunteered to assist with this year's Field Days. We already have filled all of the volunteer positions. Thanks to everyone for being so generous with your time!

Grades 4th-6th - Tuesday, May 28th, 2019
Grades 1st-3rd - Wednesday, May 29th, 2019

Team Flag Tag
Target Toss

Cage Ball
Tug-O-War

Fireman's Relay
Three Legged Race

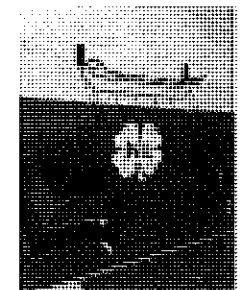
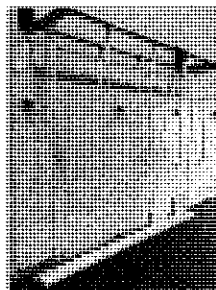
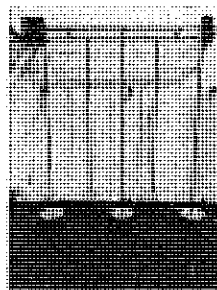
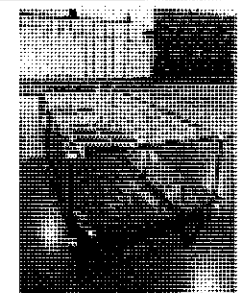
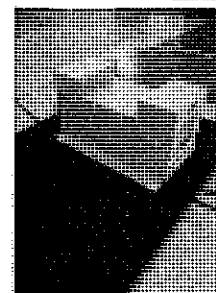
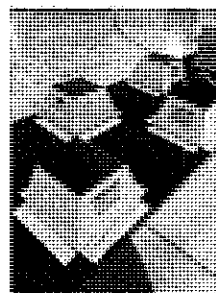
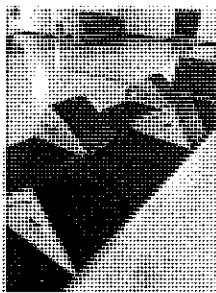
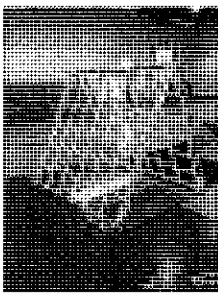
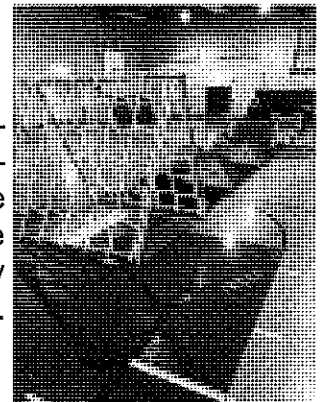
Field Day Shirt Order Forms



Due FRIDAY, May 3rd !!!

✓ *It's HERE—NLES Ninja Gym!!!*

The NLES students are now participating in the new NLES American Ninja Warrior obstacle course. The course is housed in the back gym and everyone is participating enthusiastically during their PE Classes for the next few weeks. Be sure to ask them about it and get all the details from their perspective. They will have a LOT to say! And please remember, all of this equipment was made possible by every student who participated in the PE Fundraisers over the last few years. Their efforts and dedication have made this NLES Ninja Course a reality.





MacKenzi Lowry
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As the academic attendance coach, I provide supplemental executive function lessons to 5th and 6th grade students who did not pass ISTEP the prior school year, as well as meet with students who have frequent absences.

What are Executive Functions?

“Executive functions are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. The brain needs these skill sets to filter distractions, prioritize tasks, set and achieve goals, and control impulses.” We most commonly refer to these skills as life skills. Executive function skills help you manage/accomplish everyday tasks such as getting dressed in the morning, arriving to school/work on time, and even how you address people/situations.

There are three core executive functions: **inhibitory control** (a cognitive process used to control impulses, thoughts, and behaviors to stimuli through attention and reasoning), **working memory** (ability to hold information in our minds for a short amount of time in order to accomplish something) , and **cognitive flexibility** (the ability to adapt behaviors to changing demands, priorities or perspectives). From these core executive functions come higher order executive functions which include:

Reasoning
Goal setting
Sustained attention
Self-monitoring/ Evaluating

Planning/Time Management
Metacognition
Study Strategies/Test taking skills
Initiation

Organization
Perseverance

Summer Activities to Improve Executive Function Skills

Cooking

Planning and preparing a meal requires important executive functioning skills. Have your child find a recipe they want to make and then make a list of ingredients, amount of each ingredient, and kitchen tools they will need to prepare it. (Planning) The preparation of the meal will engage your child in time management skills, since they will have to properly time the cooking of the meal.

Board games

Board games are a great way to build executive function skills such as planning, working memory, and cognitive flexibility. Some games that promote these skills include Monopoly, Clue, Chess, puzzles, Chinese Checkers, Mindtrap, Mastermind, and Rush hour.

Plan a Family Outing

Having your child plan a family outing within your parameters is a great way to build executive function skills such as planning, organization, and time management. Remember to set parameters such as mileage, amount of days for the trip, amount of money budgeted for food, money budgeted for attractions, and if it is overnight trip where you might stay/ budget. Once you have set parameters, have your child research, plan, and create an itinerary for the trip.

Legos and Blocks

Building blocks are a great way to promote executive function skills such as sustained attention, cognitive flexibility, and planning.

Plant a garden

Having your child plant a garden is a wonderful way to encourage executive function skills such as planning, organization, and time management. When planting the garden, have your child research the different types of plants so they know how long they need to grow (time management), when they need to be planted (time management), have them draw how they want the garden (planning/organization), and how much water/ sunlight each type of plant needs (planning).

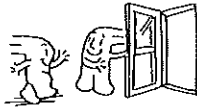
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North Liberty Elementary
Melanie Heiser, Counselor



SHORT NOTES

Being neighborly

Show your child how neighbors can depend on each other. If a package is delivered on a rainy day and the family isn't home, she could write a note saying she's holding it for them. Or if someone leaves headlights on, knock on their door together to let the person know.

Everyday research

Sharpen your youngster's research skills by challenging him to use them for practical purposes. Say he wants a pet or wonders why he needs to go to bed on time. Ask him to look into what being a pet owner would require or how sleep affects kids.

Growing up

As your child approaches puberty, she might compare herself to others. Explain that everyone develops at their own pace. The tallest person in her class right now may not be tallest in a few months. Good hygiene can boost confidence, so discuss routines like showering and using deodorant.

Worth quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." *Henry David Thoreau*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they forget the words!



Summer learning traditions

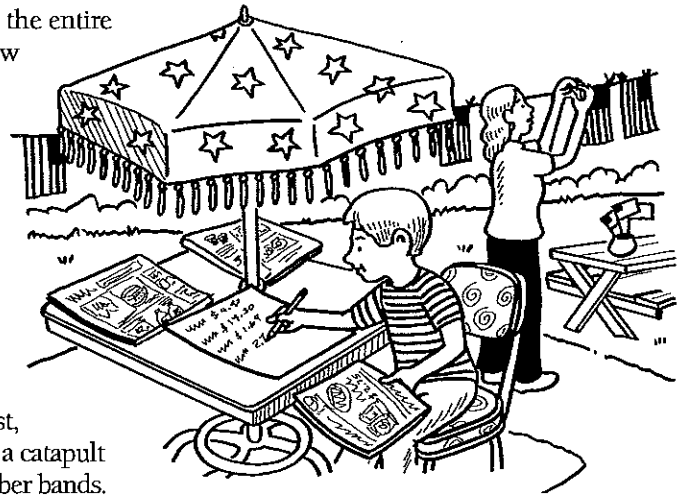
Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

STEM Olympics

Boost your youngster's STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

Family celebrations

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he'll host a National Ice Cream Day party



on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

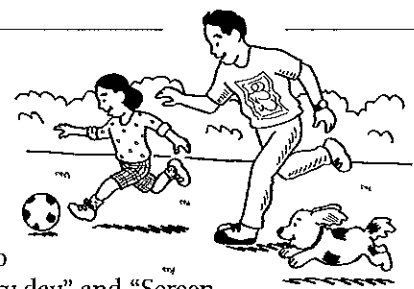
Reading pals

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your youngster reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she's learning to read.♥

Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body *and* mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.♥



Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else's house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

Acknowledge visitors. Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.

ACTIVITY CORNER

What's in the newspaper?

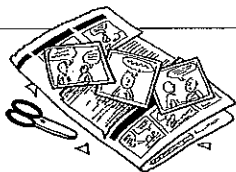
A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster's doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

Alphabet grab bag

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

Comic relief

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.



Picture this

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could write a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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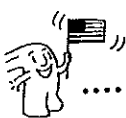
Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

Share public spaces.

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, "We're standing on the right side. The left side is for walking." Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, "Let's step back so people can get off before we get on."

Answer politely.

"Would you like pretzels or grapes?" When your child is offered options at someone else's home, she may think it's good manners to reply, "Either one." Point out that it's more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. ("I'd like grapes, thank you.")♥



Q & A

Musical experiences

Q: My daughter loves music class in school. She said she'll miss it this summer. Any ideas for "music class" at home?

A: It's great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She'll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions.

Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she'll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

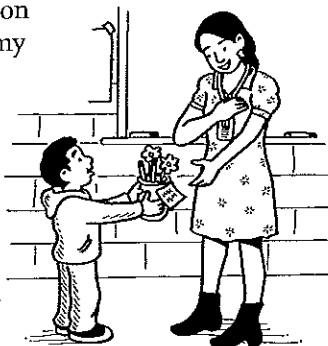
Appreciating teachers

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad's

top note, he wrote, "Thank you for teaching me to write!" Since his art teacher's favorite color is yellow, he's making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, "You shine bright!"

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can't wait to hand them out and express his appreciation.♥



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Breakfast John Glenn Schools



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	1 Biscuit w/Gravy Fruit* Fruit Juice*	2 French Toast Sticks Fruit* Fruit Juice*	3 Yeast Donut String Cheese* Fruit* Fruit Juice*
6 Cinnamon Pretzel Stix Yogurt Fruit* Fruit Juice*	7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit* Fruit Juice*	8 Cinnamon Blueberry Stick Fruit* Fruit Juice*	9 Egg & Cheese Muffin Fruit* Fruit Juice*	10 Powdered Sugar Or Chocolate Donuts Cheese Stick Fruit* Fruit Juice*
13 Pancake Wrap Fruit* Fruit Juice*	14 Cheese Omelet Biscuit w/jelly Fruit* Fruit Juice*	15 Assorted Muffins Yogurt Fruit* Fruit Juice*	16 Mini Pancakes Fruit* Fruit Juice*	17 Cherry Frudel Fruit* Fruit Juice*
20 Breakfast Pizza Fruit* Fruit Juice*	21 Mini Bosco Sticks Fruit* Fruit Juice*	22 French Toast Sticks Fruit* Fruit Juice*	23 Sausage Patties Biscuit Fruit* Fruit Juice*	24 Yeast Donut Fruit* Fruit Juice*
27 Memorial Day No School	28 Cheese Omelet Biscuit w/jelly Fruit* Fruit Juice*	29 Cinnamon Pretzel Stix Fruit* Fruit Juice*	30 Last Day of School Yeast Donut Fruit* Fruit Juice*	31

News

Breakfast Prices are \$0.30 for reduced and \$1.30 for full price.

Each meal comes with 8 ounces of fat free or 1% milk.

Assorted Cereal is available daily as well.

Each student must take at least 3 items and 1 of those must be a fruit.

Parents: myschoolbucks.com will be shut off for the summer beginning June 8th. Please make sure all accounts are up to date by then and that you stop any automatic payments from your bank.

See you in August!

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North Liberty Elementary School



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

29

30

1

Sloppy Joe
Brown Sugar Baked Beans*
Garden Bar*
Mixed Fruit*
Apple*

2

Chicken Nuggets
Goldfish Crackers
Celery* w/ Peanut Butter*
Sidewinder Fries
Pineapple Tidbits*
Grapes*

3

Hot Ham & Cheese
On a Pretzel Bun
Carrots*
Green Beans*
Sun Chips
Diced Pears*

6

Oven Roasted Turkey*
Mashed Potatoes* w/Gravy
Steamed Broccoli*
Applesauce*
Chocolate Chunk Cookie

7

Bosco Sticks
Cheese or Pepperoni
Marinara Sauce*
Golden Corn*
Green Beans*
Diced Peaches*

8

Homemade Grilled Cheese
Tomato or Vegetable Soup
Sweet Peas*
Mixed Fruit*
Sliced Apples*

9

Cheeseburger* on Bun
Brown Sugar Baked Beans*
Garden Bar*
Diced Pears*
Strawberries*

10

Orange Chicken
Brown Rice
Roasted Carrots*
Pineapple* with
Mandarin Oranges*

13

Chicken Quesadilla
Green Beans*
Baby Carrots* w/ranch*
Applesauce*

14

Last Nacho Tuesday of the Year
(Tortilla Chips*, taco meat*,
cheese cup*, salsa*, sour
cream*, jalapenos)
Refried Beans
Golden Corn*
Diced Peaches*

15

Meatloaf Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes*
Gravy
Garden Bar*
Mixed Fruit*
Apple Slices*

16

All Beef Hot Dog*/Bun
Celery*
Peanut Butter*
Baked Beans*
Pineapple Tidbits*
Frozen Juice Cup

17

Chicken Fajita
Spanish Rice
Steamed Broccoli*
Diced Pears*

20

Chicken Tenders
Capri Blend Veggies*
Sour Cream & Chives French
Fries
Applesauce*
Iced Animal Crackers

21

Deli Trio* Sandwich
Brown Sugar Baked Beans*
Green Beans*
Diced Peaches*

22

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Garden Bar*
Golden Corn*
Mixed Fruit*
Baked Cinnamon Apples*

23

BBQ Chicken* Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes*
Baby Carrots* w/ranch*
Pineapple Tidbits*
Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding*

24

Macaroni & Cheese
Dinner Roll
Steamed Broccoli*
Steamed Cauliflower*
Diced Pears*

27

Memorial Day
No School

28

Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Potato Smiles
Celery Sticks*
Peanut Butter*
Diced Peaches*

29

Cheeseburger* with bun
Garden Bar*
Green Beans*
Mixed Fruit*
Apple Slices*

30

Last Day of School
Hot dog* with bun
Baby Carrots* with Ranch*
Sun Chips
Strawberries*

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up to date by then and
that you stop any
automatic payments
from your bank.

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