



Mingus Union
High School District #4

MAR '25

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parent teacher conferences last month. We appreciate your partnership and value your role in your student's education.

Baseball, softball, track and field, and tennis events are scheduled and ready to go. We invite you to join us for our school events and see our amazing Marauders in action!

Spring break is March 17th - 21st. I hope you all enjoy your break and have a fun time making memories. Once spring break is over, we return to the busiest time of year!

As we end the 3rd quarter, traditionally students lose a little bit of focus. For seniors, they are often looking at graduation and beyond. For freshman, sophomore and junior students, warmer weather often brings about more activities that take away from energy put towards academics. As the beautiful Verde Valley blooms, it is important to keep students connected to their education and school environment. Attendance is more important than ever this time of year and is the strongest predictor of student success in high school. Please continue to encourage your student's attendance and focused attention to their academic responsibilities.

Early 4th quarter brings important academic milestones, such as our state testing, course registration for next year, and current courses coming down the backstretch. Outside of academics, events like Prom, Spring athletics, and ATORT's Spring Musical "Mama Mia!" are activities that our students are excited for at the start of the quarter.

As always, we encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have or for any information you may need; we value your voice and want to hear from you.

Have a great March!

March Dates to Remember

February 28 - March 8
Project Prom Closet
*More Info on PG 4

March 6
Jazz and Pop Choir and Band Concert
6:30pm - MUHS Cafeteria

March 13
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm - MUHS Library
*More Info on PG 2

March 17-21
SPRING BREAK ~ No School

March 25
School SITE Council Meeting
5pm - MUHS Library
*More Info on PG 2

March 26
Senior Cap & Gown Photos
Small Gym (300 BDG)
*More Info on PG 3

March 27
Operation Graduation Meeting
5:30pm - MUHS Cafeteria
*More Info on PG 2

March 29, 30 & April 3, 4, 5, & 6
"Mama Mia"
presented by Mingus A.T.O.R.T.
*More Information on PG 6



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

MUHS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today's families are busy, and there's always something happening. Sync your family schedule with ours to avoid missing important testing dates and events when planning vacations and doctor appointments.



CLICK

MARCH 13TH @ 6PM MUHS GOVERNING BOARD



Our governing board is comprised of five locally elected citizens. These individuals ensure the proper allocation of district funds and resources to best serve the needs and interests of our students.

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library on the Second Thursday of every month.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

We value your opinion and welcome you to attend and participate in site council meetings

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25
5:00 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY**



**MARCH 27TH
5:30PM
MUHS CAFETERIA**

2025

Seeking volunteers & donations from local businesses

INFORMATIONAL & PLANNING MEETING

mingusopgrad@gmail.com

MARAUDER

Seniors

Cap and Gown Pick Up – Wednesday, March 26th during lunch in the small gym. Seniors if you are not able to pick up your graduation order that day, the bookstore will have your orders available for pick up the next day. Orders will only be given to the person they are for. Friends cannot pick up your order for you.

ATTENTION 2025 SENIORS!



Lifetouch

Picture Day is Coming!

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL



Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com using your Student ID or Picture Day ID:

EVT7HG93W



You can also scan the QR Code to order



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Day

These photos are not required!

Optional for families who would like to have their Senior participate. Cap and gown pictures are not used for any official purpose by the school. Caps & Gowns will be provided by Lifetouch the day of photographing.





MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM & ENCHANTED

CLARK MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE
19 N. 9TH ST. | CLARKDALE, AZ

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
7-11 PM

TICKETS WILL BE ON
SALE IN THE BOOKSTORE

FEB 24 - FEB 28	\$60 / EACH
MAR 3 - MAR 7	\$65 / EACH
MAR 10 - MAR 14	\$70 / EACH
MAR 24 - MAR 28	\$75 / EACH
MAR 31 - APR 4	\$80 / EACH

PLEASE SEE MRS. LYONS IN ROOM 113 FOR
GUEST PASSES OR ANY PROM RELATED QUESTIONS!

projectprom
West

FREE

formal wear for ALL high school students!

- Fri, February 28
 - 2:30p-5:30p
- Sat, March 1
 - 10a-1p
- Mon, March 3
 - 2:30p-5:30p
- Fri, March 7
 - 2:30p-5:30p
- Sat, March 8
 - 10a-1p

Dresses in a variety of sizes and colors

Menswear: Suits and Jackets, Slacks, Vests, Cummerbunds, Bow Ties & Neckties

Jewelry & Accessories

Dress Shoes



Mingus Union High School

Enter West Parking Lot on Camino Real
Small Gym
(300 BLDG)

ACT Testing Schedules & Information

- **Tue & *Wed April 1st & 2nd:**
 - All freshman will take the ACT Aspire
- **Tuesday April 8th:**
 - All juniors will take the ACT
- **TBA*: March 25 through April 11:**
 - All juniors will take the AzSci

**If testing date falls on a Wednesday, the school day will still begin @ 9am*

ACT
ACT IS THE STATEWIDE
HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT TEST,
WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED TO
STUDENTS IN
GRADE 11/COHORT 2026.

ACT ASPIRE
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THE STATEWIDE
HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT TEST,
WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED
TO STUDENTS IN
GRADE 9/COHORT 2028.

TESTING TIPS!!!

- Get a good night's sleep before test day
- Turn off cell phones and leave out of sight until testing is complete
- Be on time
- Wear comfortable clothing and eat a healthy breakfast
- As you get started, take a few deep breaths to calm yourself and keep a positive attitude.
- Listen carefully to instructions and ask questions if you hear something you don't understand.
- Focus your attention entirely on your work.
- Pace yourself and occasionally check the time.
- If you finish before time is up, reread the questions and check your answers.





MINGUS A.T.O.R.T. PROUDLY PRESENTS

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
Benny Andersson
Björn Ulvaeus

AND SOME SONGS BY **Stig Anderson**

BOOK BY **Catherine Johnson**

ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **Judy Craymer**

NOW SHOWING

Sat, March 29th at 6:30pm

Sun, March 30th at 3:00pm

Thur, April 3rd at 6:30pm

'Sing-a-long Show'

Fri, April 4th at 6:30pm

Sat, April 5th at 6:30pm

Sun, April 6th at 3:00pm

TICKETS

available at atort.ludus.com

or call the box office

(928) 649-4466

Adults \$15

Seniors \$14

Students/Children \$10

All tickets \$3 more at the door

MAMMA MIA! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Dani Khin



Dani plans on attending Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she will pursue their pre-medicine course. At this time, she is most interested in the field of psychiatry but is open to other career paths. For fun, Dani enjoys creative writing! She feels that exploring your own ideology by just sitting down and putting words on paper has expanded on skills and techniques that she uses in her daily life in general. She believes that writing provides moments of clarity and creates an opportunity to combat apathy. She is a captain for the Mingus girls' tennis team. She thinks that despite the reputation tennis holds as an "easy" sport, it's probably one of the most mentally draining activities she's taken part in. She says that developing self-discipline while avoiding being harshly self-critical is key. Tennis is a delicate balance between patience and wits that makes it difficult to get into and truly enjoy in the moment, but it allows you to be more forgiving towards yourself when mistakes ultimately occur in life. If she could go back in time and talk to herself as a freshman, the advice she would give herself would be to engage with classmates more. There are relationships that could have been created sooner and more time spent together. It's common to lament over lost opportunities, but it's still one of the biggest regrets a person clings to, especially now that the end is in sight.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Austin Hudson
World History Teacher & Head Coach Boys Basketball



Austin has been working in education since 2013 and has held roles including Athletic Director, Assistant Dean of Students, World History Teacher, and Head Coach of several sports including football, basketball, and track in Camp Verde & Orme. This year is Mr. Hudson's third-year teaching and coaching at Mingus. He says he's had a great experience living in Cottonwood and working at Mingus and hopes to stay in his current roles here for a long time to come. Building relationships has been the most rewarding part of his job. He likes to focus on making sure that students know they have a support system; people who care about them and genuinely want to help them become successful. He also encourages students to create good habits. Motivation comes and goes. Habits and discipline are key. Austin loves helping students and athletes acquire new skills and build confidence in themselves. Mr. Hudson grew up in Camp Verde, and graduated from CVHS in 2009. He married his amazing wife, Donnie, in 2017 and together they have a 3-year-old daughter, LaRyn, and a 9-month-old son, Aubrey. During his free time, Austin lives for basketball! He loves coaching basketball, playing basketball, watching basketball, talking about basketball, and thinking about basketball!

MARAUDER of the MONTH

TEACHERS AND COACHES ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE STUDENTS IN ALL ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENTS. THESE STUDENTS ARE THEN VOTED ON AMONGST THOSE TEACHERS & COACHES TO CHOOSE FINALISTS TO RECOGNIZE EACH MONTH. THESE STUDENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER AND INVITED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION IN FRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY AT THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S BOARD MEETING.

Emily Land



ENGLISH & LITERATURE



Vic Johnson



SOCIAL STUDIES

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Mekenzie Combs



FOREIGN LANGUAGE



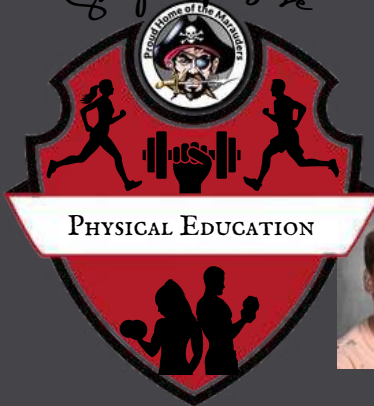
Mason Kinnaman



SCIENCE



Sawyer Trezise



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



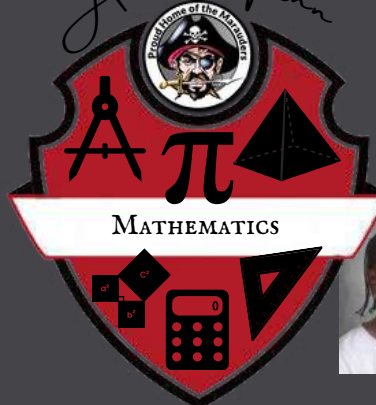
Amy Vasquez



PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS



Antoine Pinn



MATHEMATICS



Gunner Light



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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Muattar Eshmuradova



ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION



Koby De La Hoya



MALE ATHLETE



Sophie Walter



FEMALE ATHLETE



Jovan Sutter



PURSING VICTORY WITH HONORS





All current athletic events, team schedules and coaching information are posted to the [athletics page](#) for quick viewing. You can also subscribe to the [calendar](#) and receive daily emails by clicking the link below, then subscribe in the top right corner.

**Schedules are subject to change, so check often or call the athletic department for more info!*



SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES HERE

CLICK ON THE ICON BELOW TO BE TAKEN TO THAT SPORT'S SCHEDULE



OUR STUDENTS, OUR TEAMS . . . OUR FUTURE.

Congratulations to our 1st Semester Athletes!!

We had over 149 AIA Scholar Athlete Awards in Football, Volleyball, Swim, Cross country, Golf, Cheer, and Flag Football, basketball, Soccer, Wrestling And 6 AIA Scholar Athlete TEAM Awards in Boys and Girls SWIM, Girls Cross Country, Girls Freshman Basketball, Freshman Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball

These athletes are recognized for 3.5 GPA or higher and for their exemplary dedication to academics, athletics, and activities as a foundation for success.

Keep up the great work Marauders!!



BRAG BOARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINGUS WRESTLING AT SECTIONALS

What an incredible display of strength, endurance, and dedication by our athletes as they move on to State! We are incredibly proud of all our athletes and can't wait to see what the future holds for them at State and beyond! Let's keep this momentum going, Mingus Wrestling! 🙌



Freshman Division:

Logan Hunt - 2nd Place 🏆
Hunter Bejarano - 4th Place 🏆
Both showed outstanding skill and determination to reach this remarkable achievement. The future looks bright for these two here at Mingus! 🌟



Sophomore Division:

Bently Arnold - 4th Place 🏆
Bently stepped up to the challenge and brought his highest level of competitiveness to the mat! 🌟



Junior Division:

Jacob McKean - 4th Place 🏆
A solid effort from Jacob, showcasing his passion and commitment to the sport! 🙌



Senior Division:

Koby De La Haye - 2nd Place 🏆
Trenton Hardy - 3rd Place 🏆
Trenton and Koby both showed tremendous leadership and resilience, proving why they're top contenders! 🌟

Congratulations to Koby De La Haye!

A huge round of applause to Koby for securing 5th place in the Wrestling STATE Finals! 🏆
He proudly represented Mingus Union High School with determination and skill.
We are proud of his hard work and achievement!



Congratulations to Mingus FFA at Regionals

MUHS FFA attended the Black Canyon Regional contest and competed in Livestock Evaluation, Food Science, Veterinary Science, and Forestry.



Livestock Evaluation - 1st place team
Trenton Castro - High Individual
Carys Morgan - 9th High Individual



Food Science - 2nd place team
Magaly Gonzalez - 2nd High Individual
Jesse Cruz - 5th High Individual
Kambra Hahn - 6th High Individual



Veterinary Science - 3rd place team
Zachary Myers - 4th High Individual
Elise Phillips - 10th High Individual



Horse - 2nd place team @ Estrella
Emily Land - 2nd high Individual

Forestry - 3rd place team
Brooklyn Bates - 3rd High Individual
Wyatt Graham - 5th High Individual



The Winners are in!

In January, our Visual Arts students participated in the Verde Valley Young Artists Showcase Art show, sponsored by the Yavapai College Art Department on the Verde Valley campus. This is a juried art competition that is open to all of the high school art students in the Verde Valley. Each student has to select and submit their best work of art in order to be invited to participate in the show, meaning that this is a selective Art show that is meant to showcase the best of the best in student artwork in the Verde Valley. The students were competing for Scholarship Awards from Yavapai College to continue their artistic journey at the college level and were judged by the Art Teachers at Yavapai College.

In true Marauder fashion, Mingus Visual Art Students submitted over 50 pieces of high-quality artwork. ***Mingus ended up sweeping all six of the possible awards from the show this year!***

We MUST thank our amazing Art Educators that work on our campus!

Without the guidance of Jason Teague, Beth Detwiller, Oouida Dorr and Ashley Lomeli, our students would not be finding such success!

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE ARE OUR WINNERS:



1ST PLACE:
EVA FRANSK
"MEMENTO MORI"
CHALK PASTEL ON PAPER



2ND PLACE:
ASHER MCFARLAND
"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FRIDGE"
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS



3RD PLACE:
NINA PAGE
"APPLE STILL LIFE"
PASTEL ON PAPER



HONORABLE MENTION
2D ART:
DAKOTA BRUNDAGE
"THE ANIMAL"
PEN & INK



HONORABLE MENTION
PHOTOGRAPHY:
ANDRI ANDERSON
"TIDAL PATTERNS"
PHOTOGRAPHY



HONORABLE MENTION
3D ART:
ALEXIS WILLIAMS
"GARDEN OF BROKEN GLASS"
PAPER MACHE SCULPTURE





This amazing group of seniors are almost done with their first year of college! Throughout the year, they have taken on challenging coursework, developed strong leadership skills, and built lasting connections with their peers. They have excelled in their college classes with grit, optimism, and dedication. Their hard work and commitment to their future is truly inspiring! Watching them grow as individuals, students, and friends has been an honor. We look forward to celebrating their continued success as they prepare for the next steps in their academic and professional journeys!

~Ms. Steph Garcia Hernández
Early College Coordinator





The Valley Academy of Career & Technology Education would like to highlight our:



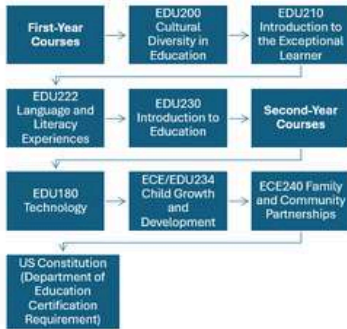
TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Learning and Observations in Local Verde Valley Schools

- Camp Verde
- Clarkdale
- Cottonwood
- Cornville
- Sedona



Dual Enrollment



Paraprofessional Certificate

- Literacy Test: Work Keys
- Paraprofessional Test: Work Keys

Ed Professions is a course offered through VACTE and Yavapai College that allows students to be dual-enrolled and earn 12 college credits in a school year. The courses are foundational offerings that explore the career of education. Students receive instruction in a classroom setting with a curriculum that is designed to engage & provide hands-on real-life experiences in the world of teaching. Guest speakers, field trip experiences, and practicum experiences in local schools are an integral part of the course.

Curriculum:

Classroom Instruction

- Experiential Learning
- Hands On
- Collaboration
- Project Based
- Active Participation and Engagement
- Flexible Seating
- Diverse Learning Styles and Preferences
- Strategies for Differentiation



Community Service



Member of FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

Attend	Attend	Choose
Attend Leadership Camp in Winslow, AZ.	Attend Conferences in Phoenix.	Choose a project and compete at State and National Levels.





Baseball. Barbeques. Birthday celebrations.

You've got so much to offer! Wouldn't you love to share your little corner of America with a PAX high school exchange student from the prestigious Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program? Established by Congress in 1992 under the FREEDOM Support Act following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the program provides merit-based scholarships for students from post-Soviet countries. Through person-to-person exchange, FLEX students learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, develop their sense of civic responsibility, and help educate Americans about their own countries and cultures. Invite an international student into your home—and watch how you all grow! These scholarship students are sponsored by the State Dept. The

students will receive a stipend for living expenses and full medical insurance. Families can be single parent, retired, etc and the student can share a room with a closely aged sibling. Students come in August IF they have a family. This is a great way to bring cultural diversity into your world and create global citizenship.

Make a Difference in the World.

For more information contact

Marcia Goebel

Marciegoebel@yahoo.com

(928)301-9868





Community Events & Resources

There's no doubt that our Verde Valley community knows how to come together to support those who live here! This page will list some of those amazing Community Resources and let you know some of the events and happenings they have planned this month.

Inspiring CHANGE  *Providing HOPE*

Old Town Mission
116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869

Mission Thrift Store
810 W Mingus Ave
Cottonwood
928-634-1644

Sharing God's LOVE

FOOD PANTRY
Wednesday: 9 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm

COMMUNITY MEALS
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Monday: 5 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday: 4 pm - 6 pm (**Served to-go only**)

RESOURCE CENTER
* Available for those without residence:
Showers, breakfast, clothes, hygiene & resources
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 am - 11 am

THE KIDS SHOP
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm
Monday 5 pm - 6 pm
or call for an appointment 928-634-7869

HAIR SALON
Monday 4 pm to 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 12:30 pm pm

VISION
1st Tuesday/month
10 am - 11 am

LEGAL
Call: 928-634-7869

MISSION THRIFT STORE
Clothing vouchers can be used Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
810 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood

The Mission is a SNAP Community Partner

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the USDA.
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



LISA
Low Income Student Aid

Supporting Student Success
Through Community Compassion

Some ways LISA can assist your student:

- Medical bills, prescriptions, therapy, etc
- Clothing, shoes, coats
- Hair cuts & personal hygiene items
- Outstanding cafeteria balances
- Book purchases & class tuition
- Admission to school events
- Graduation Expenses
- School supplies & special needs devices
- Childcare costs & pre-school tuition
- Fees for extracurricular activities
- College deposits & testing fees
- Birthdays & Holidays



Qualifying students include those who attend Oak Creek School, Dr. Daniel Bright School, Cottonwood Community School, as well as their graduates currently attending Mingus Union High School or Verde Tech High School. We also assist students attending West Sedona School, Red Rock Jr. High and Sr. High School.

LISA is a 501C(3) charitable organization that provides aid to public school students in the Verde Valley.
Request aid at azlisa.org

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Now featuring comprehensive services. Find out what you are eligible for!



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MOHELP
Bringing Communities Together





BREAKFAST				
MARCH 2025 Mingus Union High School				
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 8:55 AM				
Students: \$1.50 / Adults: \$3.00				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chorizo and Egg ³ or Classic Breakfast Burrito	Maple Waffle ⁴ Chicken Sandwich	Cinnamon ⁵ Eggo Waffles w/ Sausage Patties	Country Style ⁶ Biscuits and Gravy	Fresh Baked ⁷ Frosted Cinnamon Roll
Chorizo and Egg ¹⁰ or Classic Breakfast Burrito	Breakfast ¹¹ Corndog or Egg and Sausage Breakfast Tornado	French ¹² Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patties	Country Style ¹³ Biscuits and Gravy	Fresh Baked ¹⁴ Frosted Cinnamon Roll
¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹
Chorizo and Egg ²⁴ or Classic Breakfast Burrito	Maple Waffle ²⁵ Chicken Sandwich	Cinnamon ²⁶ Eggo Waffles w/ Sausage Patties	Country Style ²⁷ Biscuits and Gravy	Fresh Baked ²⁸ Frosted Cinnamon Roll
Chorizo and Egg ³¹ or Classic Breakfast Burrito				

Alternative Meals: Granola + Yogurt, Uncrustable PB&J, Whole Grain Cereal.
All Breakfast Meals Served with Optional Fresh Fruit and Milk

LUNCH				
MARCH 2025 Mingus Union High School				
Monday, Friday: 11:50 AM – 12:25 PM Tuesday, Thursday: 11:50 AM – 12:35 PM Wednesday: 11:50 AM – 12:45 PM				
Students: \$3.00 / Adults: \$5.00				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Boneless Chicken Wings ³ Whole Grain Roll Celery and Carrots	Loaded Nachos ⁴ Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	Mac and Cheese ⁵ Soft Pretzel Steamed Peas	Chicken Eggrolls ⁶ Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	Cheese Stuffed ⁷ Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce
Crispy Chicken ¹⁰ Sandwich French Fries	Enchiladas Casserole ¹¹ Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	All Beef Hotdog ¹² Tater Tots Steamed Carrots	Teriyaki Chicken ¹³ Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	Pepperoni or ¹⁴ Cheese Pizza Celery and Carrots
¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹
Chorizo and Egg ²⁴ or Classic Breakfast Burrito	Doritos Walking Taco ²⁵ Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	Corndog ²⁶ Waffle Fries Steamed Carrots	Orange Chicken ²⁷ Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	French Bread Pizza ²⁸ Marinara Dipping Sauce Celery and Carrots
Crispy Chicken ³¹ Sandwich French Fries				

Alternative Meals: Grilled Cheese, Uncrustable PB&J, Hamburger, Cheeseburger,
Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Bean and Cheese Burrito, Personal Pizza
All Lunch Meals Served with Optional Fresh Fruit and Milk

