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District 27 and Local Partners Offer Free Summer Meals

May 12, 2017 – LINCOLN – District 27 announced today that it will be providing free lunches to children this summer as a participant of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). SFSP is a federally funded program that provides nutritious meals during the summer months. All children 18 and under are invited to participate.

On June 1, the program will kick-off with a carnival-themed event featuring free lunch, inflatables and games from 11am-1pm at the Lincoln Junior High School ball diamond. The lunch will include hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie sticks, fruit cups, dessert and drink. In the event of rain, the event will move indoors to the Lincoln Junior High School.

From June 5 to July 27 the program will provide free lunches to children 18 or younger on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All meals will take place at the Lincoln Junior High from 12pm to 1pm. No to-go meals are available. Adults attending with the children may purchase a lunch for \$3.

Participants are also invited to take part in free activities from 11:30am-12pm. On Tuesdays the University of Illinois-Extension office will be providing a free educational activity and on Thursdays the Crazy CATCH Lady will lead participants in fun gym activities to promote physical fitness.

The First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln is providing volunteers for the program.

The SFSP takes place throughout the state of Illinois. All children 18 or younger are eligible to participate in any location. To find additional free summer meal sites, individuals can call 1-800-359-2163, text FoodIL to 877877 or visit www.summermealsillinois.org.

Free Summer Meals are part of the Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.