

# SAGAMORE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER EDITION

July 2024



### Get Ready for BACK TO SCHOOL!

With FREE back to school  
backpacks

PHA's \$avings  
Program  
the Family Self  
Sufficiency Program

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
YOUR LOCAL STUDY CENTER

### Summer Food

Learn about services and options for  
keeping food costs down



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PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Resident Services Department



# Here's what you'll find in this issue...

**July 2024**

- Summer Food! Learn about how to get the most out of your SNAP benefits and take a trip to the Farmer's Market
- FREE BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS...and some info to get ready for back to school
- Portland Housing Authorities Savings Program-FSS
- Employment Center: Learn about careers with kids

**Study Center News**  
Learn about what's happening at your neighborhood study center

# SUN BUCKS

Helping Families Access Food During Summer Break

## What are Sun Bucks?

Sun Bucks are part of the SNAP program. DHHS is participating in a program to give a one time payment of \$120 to purchase summer food

Most families will receive SUN Bucks automatically if they already receive other benefits, but some families may need to apply.

Families with a school-aged child/children who are already participating in SNAP, TANF, or receiving MaineCare will be automatically enrolled in the SUN Bucks.

Families not automatically enrolled but who believe they are eligible must apply by August 15 to qualify.

So, if you see this white card in  
the mail, don't throw it away.  
Use it!



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**WANT MORE  
SNAP DOLLARS?  
USE HARVEST  
BUCKS**

Did you know you can use your SNAP benefits at the farmer's market? And Harvest Bucks make your dollars go further.

Here's how to use them:

- Start at the Information Booth
- Swipe your EBT card to get tokens
- Once you decide how much you want to spend, you'll get EXTRA harvest bucks to spend on fruits and vegetables
- Use your tokens and harvest bucks at vendor tables to buy produce.



# FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Portland Public Schools is providing SUMMER LUNCHES Monday through Friday from June 24th to August 16th, 2024 for anyone 18 years old or younger all over the city.

3 locations can be found in Portland Public Housing neighborhoods

See the list below to find locations near you!

## Find your summer meals location!

<b>1. Boys &amp; Girls Club Riverton</b> Riverton Park Lunch: 12:00-12:30pm Mon-Thurs, 6/24-8/15 ** Fridays meal site is closed for field trips	<b>7. Boys &amp; Girls Club Cumberland Ave</b> 277 Cumberland Ave Breakfast: 9:00-10:45am Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm Mon-Thurs, 6/24-8/15 ** Fridays meal site is closed for field trips
<b>2. North Deering Gardens</b> 246 Auburn Street Lunch: 12:00-1:00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs 6/24-8/15	<b>8. Study Center at Kennedy Park</b> 51 Mayo Street Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm Mon-Fri, 6/24-8/16
<b>3. Rowe Elementary School</b> 23 Orono Road Breakfast: 8:00-9:00am Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm Mon-Fri, 6/24-8/9	<b>9. The Root Cellar</b> 94 Washington Ave Breakfast: 9:00-9:30am Lunch: 12:00-12:30pm Mon-Thurs, 7/1-8/8
<b>4. Boys &amp; Girls Club Sagamore</b> Sagamore Village Lunch: 12:00-12:30pm Mon-Thurs, 6/24-8/15 ** Fridays meal site is closed for field trips	<b>10. East End Community School</b> 195 North Street Breakfast: 8:00am-9:30am Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm Mon-Fri, 6/24-8/9
<b>5. Deering High School</b> 370 Stevens Ave Breakfast: 8:15-8:45am Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm Mon-Thurs, 6/24-8/8 *No programs week of 7/1	<b>11. Munjoy South Playground</b> End of Adams Street Lunch: 12:15-1:00pm Mon-Fri, 6/24-8/16 Closed for rain
<b>6. Portland High School</b> 284 Cumberland Ave Breakfast: 8:15-8:45am Lunch: 12:00-1:00pm Mon-Thurs, 6/24-8/8 *No programs week of 7/1	<b>All sites closed July 4 and 5</b>

**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**food service**

# GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL



## WITH FREE BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS!



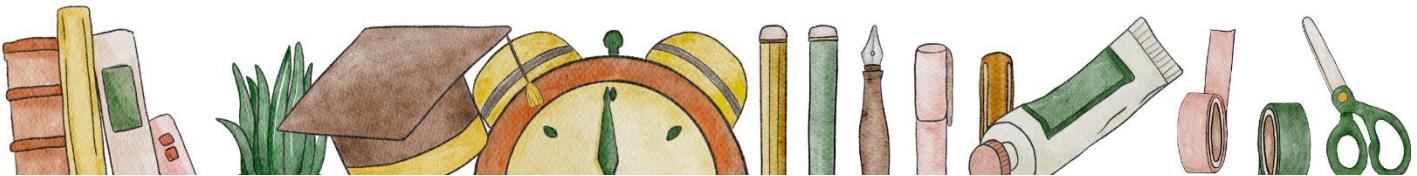
It's hard to believe, but summer vacation is half way over. That means it's time to look forward to BACK TO SCHOOL!

Each year PHA lends a hand by offering school backpacks, loaded up with school supplies for free. Getting kids ready to go back to school can be expensive. We hope this service takes some pressure off parents and helps kids start off the school year prepared to learn. This year we're providing 300 backpacks!

Sign up now if you would like your students to receive a backpack. Households with the most financial need will be prioritized and backpacks will be provided as long as supplies last.

You can sign up online at  
<https://forms.gle/nRCVC6jXBtGNG2f67>

You can also fill out the below form on the back of this page and turn it in to the your local study center, or main office. If you need assistance completing the online form, call or email Teyonda Hall, Dir. Resident Services at [thall@porthouse.org](mailto:thall@porthouse.org) or 207-221-8003



# SIGN UP FOR YOUR BACKPACKS!



## 2024 School Backpack Sign Up

The PHA Study Centers are providing free backpacks with supplies for PHA students in August 2024 by request based on availability.

**If you would like a backpack, please complete this form or the online form once for each student that wants a backpack**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language for contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose one option:**

Kindergarten through 6th       7th grade and older



Any items you do not want: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything you need not pictured? : \_\_\_\_\_

We will do our best to provide items not pictured but we cannot guarantee requests will be fulfilled. Contents of backpacks are subject to change based on availability. Backpacks will be provided to those with the greatest need first. All

**Backpacks will be available for pick up at the Study Center at the end of August. Families will be notified when backpacks are ready.**

Call or text Emily (207) 221-8063 to change your order or to communicate need for accommodations.

# YOUR 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Check out the calendar for this school year. School starts back SEPTEMBER 4TH. Don't forget to sing up for your back to school backpack



**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
prepared & empowered

AUGUST 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2		
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

**27-29 TEACHER WORKDAYS  
(0 STUDENT DAYS)**

SEPTEMBER 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30						

**2 LABOR DAY  
3 FIRST STUDENT DAY CR 1-12  
4 FIRST EARLY RELEASE DAY  
5 FIRST DAY PRE-K & K  
(20 STUDENT DAYS)**

OCTOBER 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31			

**11 NO TEACHERS/ NO STUDENTS  
14 INDIGENOUS DAY  
(21 STUDENT DAYS)**

NOVEMBER 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	
4	5	6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		
25	26	27	28	29		

**1 END OF Q3 (HS)  
11 VETERANS DAY  
26 TRIMESTER 1 ENDS (ELEM/MS)  
27 NO TEACHER/NO STUDENT  
28-29 THANKSGIVING BREAK  
(17 STUDENT DAYS)**

DECEMBER 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30	31					

**1 FIRST TRIMESTER ENDS  
25-31 WINTER BREAK  
(15 STUDENT DAYS)**

JANUARY 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3		
6	7	8	9	10		
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		
27	28	29	30	31		

**1 HOLIDAY (NYD)  
20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
24 END OF Q2, 1ST SEM (HS)  
(21 STUDENT DAYS)**

FEBRUARY 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

**7 NO STUDENTS/TEACHER WORKDAY  
17 PRESIDENT'S DAY  
17-21 FEBRUARY RECESS  
(14 STUDENT DAYS)**

MARCH 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

**14 SECOND TRIMESTER ENDS (ELEM/MS)  
(21 STUDENT DAYS)**

APRIL 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4			
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

**4 END OF Q3 (HS)  
18 NO TEACHER/NO STUDENTS  
21 PATRIOTS DAY  
21-25 APRIL RECESS  
(16 STUDENT DAYS)**

MAY 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2			
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

**26 MEMORIAL DAY  
(21 STUDENT DAYS)**

JUNE 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30						

**13 LAST STUDENT DAY 1/2 DAY  
16 LAST TEACHER DAY IF NO STORM DAYS  
16/17 TENTATIVE STORM DAYS  
18 LAST TEACHER DAY IF STORM DAYS USED  
19 JUNETEENTH (10 STUDENT DAYS)**

JULY 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4			
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31			

**183 TEACHER DAYS  
(INCLUDES 2 UNSCHEDULED DAYS FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES PER PEA CONTRACT)  
176 STUDENT DAYS  
3 STORM DAYS ADDED**

**Please note: the last day of school is subject to change to make up any snow days taken. Please check the District website calendar for updated information. Calendar has been updated as of March 7, 2024.**

## 2024-2025 District Calendar

### STANDARD HOURS

(unless otherwise approved & posted)

#### Elementary Schools:

- East End, Longfellow, Ocean Avenue and Talbot: 7:40-2:10
- Lyseth, Presumpscot, Reiche and Rowe: 9:00 - 3:30

#### Middle and High Schools:

- All middle and high schools except PATHS: 8:20-2:50
- PATHS: 8:00-10:30a and 11:00-1:30

#### Island Schools:

- Cliff Island: 8:20-3:15  
\* early release Fridays for CLF is 11:00
- Peaks Island: 8:20-3:05  
\* early release Wednesdays for PKS is 12:20

#### Pre-K:

- Pre-K students attending district elementary schools follow those school's schedules.
- PATHS PreK program, Youth & Family Outreach, and Catherine Morrill Day Nursery: 9:00-3:30
- Child's Odyssey: 7:40-2:10

#### KEY

-  No students/teachers Other Staff reports
-  Holiday /Vacation
-  Teacher Professional Learning Day (No students).
-  Early Release Day \* dismissal 1hr earlier than standard release time
-  First and Last Student Day
-  Tentative Storm Days

**Need an affordable computer? Try our friends at Give IT. Get IT.**

**Give IT.**



**Get IT.**



Having a computer is crucial for work and school, but, they can also be an added expense. Give IT. Get IT is a Maine nonprofit which offers refurbished laptops and desktops for incredibly affordable prices. Each laptop has been prepared for new users using a rigorous security process. Choosing to buy a refurbished device is an environmentally friendly option, as well as cost money saving. Devices range from \$85 to \$250. Call PHA resident services, if you have questions or need help finding a low cost computer. Or, you can check out their website and ebay store.



[giveitgetit.org](http://giveitgetit.org)



## Have you heard about PHA's Savings Program?

**It's called (FSS) Family Self-Sufficiency Program and it's available to all eligible PHA residents.**

The FSS program is not just a savings program, it's a goal setting and asset building tool that offers partnership, coaching and connection to all sorts of opportunities. It is specifically designed for those who are looking for employment or who are looking to increase their wages.

### How does it work?

As you earn more your rent increases. The amount of the increase is matched by HUD. HUD, then puts that money into a savings account in your name. As long as you're working, in school, or training, or working on your personal employment goals, you'll receive a monthly deposit. After 5 years, participants graduate and use their savings in all kinds of ways.

In the last year we've graduated several participants who have saved between \$5,000 to \$37,000! Graduates go on to invest in businesses they've started, pay for international family trips, buy homes, save for retirement and pay for their children's college.

If you have a dream, are looking for work, or looking to increase your income, the FSS program may be right for you. Call or email today!

**Join us for our next virtual  
Info Session!  
July 30th @ 5PM**

**Contact: Calshir Richerson, Grants Program Manager**  
[cricherson@porthouse.org](mailto:cricherson@porthouse.org)  
**207-221-8069**

# EVENT DETAILS

Where  
August 8th, 2024 at 8am

When  
Double Tree Hotel in South  
Portland

Registration  
[careerswithkidsme.org](http://careerswithkidsme.org)

# Careers With Kids

Attend the Workforce Summit  
and Career Fair happening  
August 8th, 2024



If you are considering a career in childcare, this event is for you. Staring Strong, the Office of Child and Family Services, the United Way and Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network have banded together to offer conference for people interested in learning about career options in the child development field. The event will focus on work readiness, starting your own childcare business and will even offer CPR and First Aid training for FREE. Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to connect to employers and others in the field.

# Sagamore Village Study Center News

## DEAR SAGAMORE VILLAGE FAMILIES,

The Study Center will not hold drop-in hours during summer vacation. Instead, we'll be focused on working with this year's CHEETA interns to plan events for the Sagamore Village community. Keep an eye out for their projects (coming to your neighborhood August 2024)!

We'll also be distributing free back-to-school backpacks next month, so be sure to sign up now! We have 3 different types of backpacks with school materials that suit the needs of elementary, middle, and high school students. You can find the flyer with information on how to sign your child up for their backpack in this packet.



If you have any additional questions for us, you can always contact the Study Center through

call/text

[\(207\) 221-8075](tel:(207)221-8075)

or

email

[sv.studycenters@porthouse.org](mailto:sv.studycenters@porthouse.org)

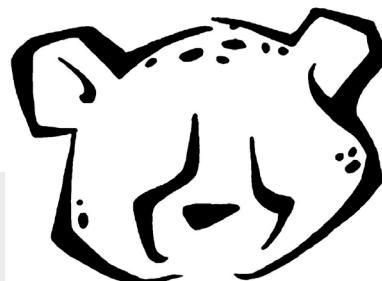
Thank you for a wonderful school year and see you again in the fall!

- Anna and Margarida, Sagamore Village Study Center

### WHAT IS THE CHEETA PROGRAM?

**CHEETA** (Community **Hope** through **Education** **Empowerment** **Training** and **Action**) is a youth-designed and youth-led internship program of the Portland Housing Authority. Over the course of 8 weeks, youth leaders work in teams to identify community challenges, research methods to address the neighborhood's needs, and plan projects to improve their communities.

Do you have specific concerns about our neighborhood? Reach out to the SV CHEETA team through the Study Center email or phone and share your feedback!



# PHA NOTIFICATIONS

As part of our ongoing effort to increase quality communication with our residents, PHA has launched a notification system. This system will allow us to communicate about important things happening in your program, neighborhood or emergencies. You can choose to have alerts go to your phone or email. Our goal is to stay in touch! So, please, take a moment and sign up for the notification system.

Use the QR code to  
sign up

