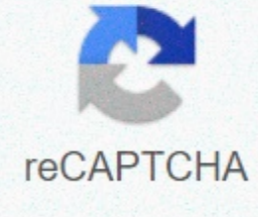




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## Bloomfield nm schools spring break

Mike Easter | Farmington Daily Times Coronavirus: 6 Tips to Stay Healthy Coronavirus: 6 Tips to Stay Healthy App is part of a Supporting Schools initiative set by Gove's office of Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Department of Public Education. Students are served packaged breakfasts and lunches. Several district employees worked through spring break to make sure students were fed. FARMINGTON - Efforts by Bloomfield School District staff to keep students fed during a coronavirus-induced stop have been challenged by a recent round of wet weather in San Juan County, even as food demand continues to grow. District Superintendent Kim Myzell said a total of 1,822 meals were served to students across the district on March 19, meaning a high percentage of the district's roughly 2,700 students use the service. Students are served packaged breakfasts and lunches as part of the Pivotal Schools Initiative, set by Gove's office of Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Department of Public Education. Coronavirus in New Mexico says a positive test registered with the San Juan Mizell Regional Medical Center testing program said the program will continue for the next few weeks as school closures remain in effect. She expects demand for food to increase as district families who have left for spring break return to the area. Myzell witnessed some district families helping on March 19. The district distributes meals at Bloomfield High School and several bus routes to remote areas of the county. Superintendent joined bus driver Kayla Macias that day in delivering 116 meals to students in the Nageezi and Escrito neighborhoods on the Navajo Nation. It was not an easy trip, Mizell said, explaining the bus traveled 180 miles over a four-hour trip to take food to hungry children. The journey was overcome by recent rainfall in San Juan County that left dirt roads in the community so muddy that many were essentially impassable, she said. It's very hard,' she said. If you don't have an all-wheel drive vehicle, you're in trouble, basically. But the superintendent said the reward of seeing food get to a needy student was well worth the trouble. They are grateful,' Myzell said of the reaction of the families who welcomed her and Masia at bus stops. I think the kids are happy. You could see it in their faces. Coronavirus update: A quarter of all Americans are ordered to stay home System of food delivery along bus routes is designed to feed students whose families do not have transportation to the main food distribution site in Bloomfield. But for some residents of the Naguizi area, simply getting to the bus stop is a major challenge. I saw one girl who broke my Mitzelle said. She was walking probably a mile and a half and she was crying because she still couldn't get to the bus stop (due to treacherous conditions). Every step you take, you almost fall. Eventually Myzell managed to get food to the student. She marveled at how so many people in the area were treated for help. She said a resident named Sarah Taylor served as a community organizer, urging families to warn them about when the bus was approaching and making sure everyone could get to the bus stop. She literally knows all the families and calls them,' Mizell said. If the family can't send someone to pick up food, she said, other families collect food for them and deliver it. Most of the places we require to see children's faces are (catered for), but there, it's just too hard, Mizell said. That help was invaluable, she said. We appreciated on the booking when the people who got there when others couldn't deliver for us, she said. A total of eight buses were used in the area's efforts. Bus drivers as well as staff from around the district gave their spring break to participate in the program, she said. It's going really well, but everyone's tired by the end of the week,' Mizell said on March 20. We sent extra meals for the weekend. Myzell said creating and implementing a food delivery system in such a short message was a difficult task for her small neighborhood to take down. But she understands that the district plays a very important role in caring for its students during the crisis. People in cities have no idea what parents are doing on bookings to take their children to school and provide their families or the distance they have to travel, she said. Information about the program and list of bus routes and stops can be found on the area's website at [bsin.k12.nm.us](http://bsin.k12.nm.us). Mike Easterling can be reached at 505-564-4610 or [mastering@daily-times.com](mailto:mastering@daily-times.com). Mike Easter can be reached at 505-564-4610 or [measterling@daily-times.com](mailto:measterling@daily-times.com). Support for local journalism with digital subscription: [subscription](#):