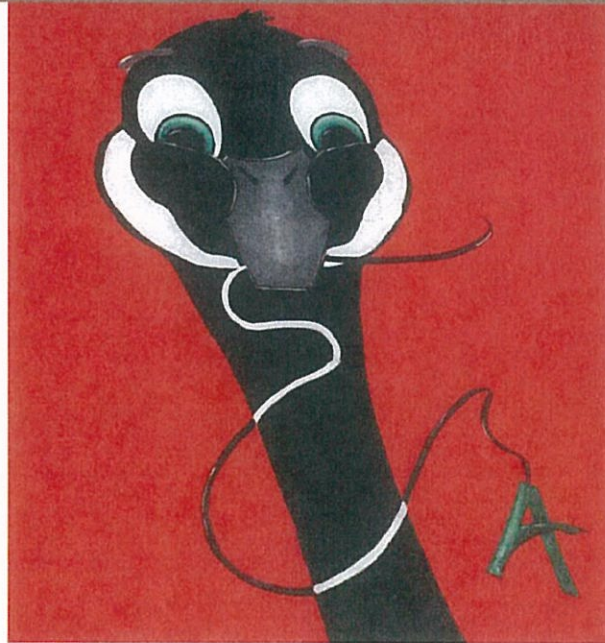


August 2019

# Anser Charter School

"We are Crew, Not Passengers." –K. Hahn

*A Credentialed EL Education School*



## Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

### A Note from the Anser Directors

Dear Anser Families,

We are excited to welcome you back for another school year! We hope you have been enjoying a great summer and that these last few weeks are filled with fun. We have a few updates to share before we all see each other again on the first day of school.

We look forward to seeing our **new families** on **Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm for New Parent Orientation** and we hope all of our Anser families will plan to attend the **Anser Open House and**

**Back to School Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 29th.** Plan to visit your child's classroom between 4:00pm and 5:00pm and then join us on the playground for the Back to School Picnic. Bring a dinner for your family, and a blanket or chairs for seating. If it is a rush to get a dinner together, there will be a Taco Truck on campus to purchase dinner. Plus a Snow Cone truck for dessert! ***Then our new school year begins on Tuesday, September 3rd!***

In Crew,  
Michelle Dunstan & Heather Dennis



# Summer Updates!



## Support Anser!

*How can you support Anser's commitment to providing excellent learning opportunities for all students?*

1. Support your child in having good attendance! Good attendance equals greater learning and greater school funding.
2. When you complete registration, consider giving a \$20 donation to help Anser provide for families who may not be able to afford supplies.
3. Support the Fall Fund Drive! Keep Adventure strong at Anser.

## Online Registration

The Anser Online Registration link will be available starting August 2nd on the Anser website. All families are required to complete online registration no later than August 23rd. If you do not have internet access, please call the front office at Anser for assistance.

## Lunch Accounts & Parent App

Anser uses Infinite Campus to provide a payment portal for the Anser lunch program. Be sure to fund your lunch account by adding funds online via the portal or download the infinite campus parent portal app, prior to the first day of school. New families will receive their portal access code at New Parent Orientation.

We will continue using Sangha for teacher communication, volunteer sign up opportunities, and sign ups for conferences. If you have a smartphone, you can download the Sangha for parents app from your IOS or Android app store.

## Facility Update

We had a busy summer sprucing up the Anser nest! We installed two new drinking fountains, complete with water bottle refill stations. New carpet in three classrooms, a hand washing sink in the gym for our lunch line, as well as a new dishwasher in the kitchen. We are pretty excited about being able to use reusable utensils and trays this year!

## New Office Faces/Roles:

Join us in welcoming Chelsea Hopewell to the front office! She is new to our community, so please stop by the front office and give her a warm Anser welcome.

Stephanie Craig will be moving out of the front office and into our CBC/Electives Coordinator role.

Tamara Reames will be our new Community Relations Coordinator. She is your go to person for Fall Fund Drive, Spring Auction, as well as Community Communications.

Stacie has transitioned out of the front office and will be our Registrar and Special Projects Coordinator.

We wish our crew members the best on their new endeavors!



# New Anser Staff for SY 2019-2020

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Crew Leader – Marissa Messmer



My name is Marissa Messmer. I am honored to be taking on the role as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade crew leader. This will be my first-year teaching and am so grateful I get to start my career as an educator at Anser! I completed my student teaching at Anser Charter School with experience in: Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup>, and in junior high math. After completing my student teaching experience, I received my bachelor's degree from Boise State University in elementary education with an endorsement in mathematics. I am so excited to be able to work with this grade level this coming school year. I love all the learning and fun we get to have in 1<sup>st</sup> grade! I am originally from a small town in Nevada, with a population of about 1,000 people. My husband and I moved to Boise to finish school and have made it home. My husband and I love to go biking, float the Boise river, fish, ski, and of course watch BSU football. We just welcomed our son Ryan into this world and are having fun exploring this fun and exciting new world of parenting! Thank you for allowing me to work with and learn from your kiddos, I am very grateful for this opportunity!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Crew Leader – Rochelle Heathcock

I'm so happy and excited to be joining the Anser crew! My name is Rochelle Heathcock, and I will be teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade starting in the fall. When I was 19, I was a volunteer counselor for a youth group where we went to Mexico to build houses for an impoverished area. Because of this life-changing experience, I knew that my purpose in life was to become a teacher and make a difference. I started my teaching career 26 years ago in Caldwell, Idaho. I got my first teaching job at Wilson Middle School, where I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade for 6 years. I took 2 years off when I had my second child and went back to teaching at the elementary school level in the Meridian School District. I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for 4 years, then moved to 5<sup>th</sup> grade where I have been for the last 14 years. Teaching cooking classes for kids at JUMP was also another avenue where I have been able to work with kids. I live in Boise and have 3 "kids", Andrew, Carleigh, and Harper. Carleigh will be a junior at University of San Diego, Andrew, who is home training for the military, and Harper will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade right here at Anser! I enjoy practicing yoga, hiking with our two wonderful dogs, working in my yard, reading, spending time with my kids, dancing, listening to music, and watching movies. I am absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to get to work with the Anser staff and students!





## JH Science Crew Leader – Pete Enderlin

Pete Enderlin comes to Anser with 8 years of teaching experience. He has recently relocated to Boise with his wife, son, two dogs, and cat. Pete has moved from Maine where he taught high school science for 6 years, and before that taught in Ohio for 2 years. Pete loves the outdoors and his interests include hiking, fly fishing, birding, skiing, and photography, so naturally he is excited for this change in location. He also enjoys board games and movies. Pete earned a Master of Education from The Ohio State University in August of 2011. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Geological Sciences from OSU as well as a dual Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and Environmental Science from Dickinson College. Pete is very excited to join the Crew at Anser this fall!



## Adventure Coordinator – Alissa Lauer

I have been a part of the Anser Community for eleven years as a parent, volunteer and substitute teacher. I have two boys that graduated from Anser and my youngest is now in third grade. In addition to the foundation of Expeditionary Learning, we were initially drawn to Anser by the commitment to community involvement and service. I have felt so privileged to be a part of the Anser crew and am excited to expand that experience to the Adventure CBC/Electives teacher. I have recently welcomed adventure into my own life by training as a raft guide, living for one month in a fishing village in Costa Rica with my family, touring through Italy and Spain last summer and beginning a yoga practice this last Fall. I hope to bring that sense of adventure to my new position at Anser.

For the last three years I have worked as a volunteer coordinator for a locally based nonprofit and volunteered on the board for the boys' Capital High School lacrosse team. In my spare time I enjoy playing pickleball or card games with my husband and my boys. I also love yoga, listening to podcasts, travel and just being outdoors in Idaho.



## Anser Charter School 2019-2020 School Calendar

<b>New Family Orientation 5pm - 7pm</b>	Thursday	August 22, 2019
<b>Back to School Picnic/Open House 4:00pm</b>	Thursday	August 29, 2019
<b>First Day of School K-8<sup>th</sup></b>	Tuesday	September 3, 2019
Back to School Night 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	Thursday	September 5, 2019
Back to School Night K-5 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	Thursday	September 12, 2019
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> State In-service/Professional	Thurs & Fri	October 3-4, 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Learner Goal Setting	Wed Night	October 23, 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Learner Goal Setting	Thursday	October 24, 2019
<b>NO SCHOOL –</b> Teacher Planning/Report Card Prep	Thurs & Fri	October 24-25, 2019
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Report Card Prep/Thanksgiving Break	Week	Nov 25-29, 2019
<b>1:30 pm*Early Release 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Thursday	December 12, 2019
Student Led Conferences 1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> / Learner Goal K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs.Night	December 12, 2019
<b>NO SCHOOL- Student Led Conferences</b>	Friday	December 13, 2019
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Teacher Planning	Friday	December 20, 2019
<b>Winter Break-2 weeks</b>	Monday	December 23, 2019- January 3, 2020
<b>School Resumes</b>	Monday	January 6, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Teacher Planning/ JH report Card Prep	Friday	January 17, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> MLK Holiday	Monday	January 20, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Staff Development	Friday	February 14, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> President's Day	Monday	February 17, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Elem Report Card Prep/ JH Planning	Friday	March 06, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Teacher Planning	Friday	March 20, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Spring Break	All Week	March 23-27, 2020
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Staff Development	Friday	April 17, 2020
<b>Anser Auction!</b>	TBA	
<b>NO SCHOOL-</b> Staff Development/Report Card Prep	Friday	May 15, 2020
<b>1:30 pm*Early Release-Last Day of School/ SLC</b>	Thursday	May 21, 2020
Student Led Conferences	Friday	May 22, 2020
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	Friday	May 22, 2020

\* Early Release dismissal is 1:30pm for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Kindergarteners will keep their regular schedule on Early Release days. There will be no AAYC on Early Release days.**

# Anser Charter School

## 2019-20 Supply List

Supplies for K-5 students are provided by Anser at no cost to families. Students in grades 1-5, are encouraged to bring their own headphones. Please label them and place them in a Ziploc bag with their name on it. These headphones will be kept at school and used by your student all year.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School Supply List

#### Student Supply List

24 pack colored pencils  
4 pack pink erasers  
2 lg glue sticks  
3 mechanical pencils  
Zip up binder  
3 pack black ultra fine sharpies  
4 (2) pocket folders no fastener and 3 hole punched  
pencil bag with zipper  
24 ct #2 wood pencils  
kleenex box  
(2) Highlighters

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Supply List

#### Student Supply List

Lg. Zippered binder or (5) 1.5" binders  
Pkg. Blue ball point pens  
Cap Erasers  
24 pk. Colored Pencils  
500 sheets college ruled lined paper  
6 pk. Glue Sticks  
3 Highlighters  
2 pk. Lined index cards 4x6  
Handheld pencil sharpener  
3 pk. Pink erasers  
Clear plastic ruler  
Kleenex box for locker  
Pencil bag

If providing these optional (but optimal) supplies for your student will be a hardship for your family, please be in touch with Stacie Knudsen at [sknudsen@ansercharterschool.org](mailto:sknudsen@ansercharterschool.org). Supplies can be provided by Anser for families with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who request assistance.

If you would like to help Anser provide supplies and adventure scholarships for students whose families cannot afford them, please consider making a donation.



# 2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil). **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED.**

**\*\*If you received notification this school year that your child(ren) is approved for free meals – do NOT complete this form.**

## STEP 1

List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

**Definition of Household Member:** "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."  
 Children in Foster care and children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant or Runaway are eligible for free meals. Read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	School & District	Grade	Student? Yes No	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Check all that apply

## STEP 2

Provide case number if any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TAFI, or FDPIR

If NO CASE NUMBER > Go to STEP 3. If CASE NUMBER > Write one case number here, then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

## STEP 3

Report GROSS Income (before deductions) for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered STEP 2)

### A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income \$

How often? Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x Month  Monthly

### B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work			Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony			Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income					
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member

Check if no SSN

## STEP 4

Contact information and adult signature (all applications MUST be SIGNED by an adult member of the household)

PROVIDE COMPLETED FORM TO THE SCHOOL

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.\*

Street Address (if available)  Apt #

City  State  Zip

Daytime Phone and Email (optional)

Signature of adult

Printed name of adult signing the form

Today's date



**INSTRUCTIONS** Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income

- Earnings from work
- Social Security
  - Disability Payments
  - Survivor's Benefits
- Income from person outside the household
- Income from any other source

Example(s)

- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits
- A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
  - Net income from self-employment (farm or business)
- If you are in the U.S. Military:
- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)
  - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support

- Unemployment benefits
- Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Cash assistance from State or local government
- Alimony payments
- Child support payments
- Veteran's benefits
- Strike benefits

Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income

- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates
- Annuities
- Investment income
- Earned interest
- Rental income
- Regular cash payments from outside household

**OPTIONAL** Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  
 Race (check one or more):  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410  
 fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
 email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)  
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**Do not fill out**

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**(Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Bi-weekly x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12)**

Categorically Eligible

How often?

Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x Month  Monthly

Household Size

Eligibility: Free  Reduced  Denied

Date 1<sup>st</sup> Notice Sent:

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice Sent:

Total Income

Results:  No Change  F → R  R → F  
 Ineligible – Reason:

Determining Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

Verifying Official's Signature

Date



# September 2019

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are offered everyday as an alternative and contain whole wheat bread and no high fructose corn syrup.  
Lunch costs \$2.85. Single milk is 65 cents. Additional slices of pizza are 1.75.  
Single PBJs are 1.25 These items are not covered under approved Free/Reduced lunch applications.  
Every meal includes a fruit option and option of chocolate skim or 1% milk.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Orange Chicken Cilantro & Green Onion Brown Rice Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar	Cheese Pizza Roasted Veggies Marinara Dipping Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection "The Best" Salad Bar	French Toast Sticks Chicken Sausage Homestyle Potatoes Fresh Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	Tomato Soup Cheese Quesadillas Seasonal Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	Beef Hamburger Whole Grain Bun Tater Tots Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Orange Chicken Cilantro & Green Onion Brown Rice Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar	Cheese Pizza Roasted Veggies Marinara Dipping Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection "The Best" Salad Bar	Beef Fajitas Roasted Veggies Fresh Fruit Selection "The Best" Salad Bar	Chicken Pesto Whole Grain Pasta Sliced Peaches "The Best" Salad Bar	Turkey Sub Lettuce and Tomato Whole Wheat Bun Fruit Cup "The Best" Salad Bar	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar	Cheese Pizza Roasted Veggies Marinara Dipping Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection "The Best" Salad Bar	Buttermilk Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Yogurt Fresh Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	Beef & Chicken Meatballs Marinara Sauce Whole Grain Pasta Sliced Peaches "The Best" Salad Bar	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Lettuce and Tomato Whole Wheat Bun Seasonal Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Chicken and Black Bean Nachos Fruit Cup "The Best" Salad Bar	Cheese Pizza Roasted Veggies Marinara Dipping Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection "The Best" Salad Bar	French Toast Sticks Chicken Sausage Homestyle Potatoes Fresh Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	Tomato Soup Cheese Quesadillas Seasonal Fruit "The Best" Salad Bar	Beef Hamburger Whole Grain Bun Tater Tots Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar	
29	30					
	Orange Chicken Cilantro & Green Onion Brown Rice Applesauce "The Best" Salad Bar					

Menu is subject to change.

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