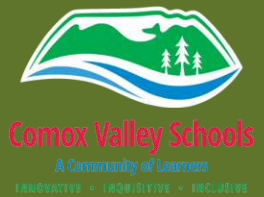




Valley View Elementary

Feeding Futures Universal Lunch Program

January 2026



A NEW UNIVERSAL LUNCH PROGRAM IS HERE!

Starting January 19, 2026, a universal lunch program will be available at Valley View Elementary, giving every student the opportunity for nourishing lunch, every school day, regardless of their ability to pay.

Lunches are a suggested price of \$4 each. With support from provincial Feeding Futures funding, we are offering a pay-what-you-can model. This means you can pay the full balance, nothing, or anything in between, whatever works for your family.

Please welcome Amber Johansen who has been hired by Comox Valley Schools to coordinate Valley View's lunch program!

What is a Universal Lunch Program?

A universal lunch program ensures all students have equitable access to nourishing food, supporting better learning outcomes, focus, and overall well-being. By offering meals to all students, the program reduces stigma, encourages students to try new foods, and promotes food equity across the school community.

How does pay-what-you-can work?

Payments are anonymous. All orders are processed together, and we only see the total amount collected - not individual payment amounts. While recovering food costs will support the long term sustainability of the program, the amount you choose to pay is entirely at your discretion.

How will it work at Valley View?

Monthly menus will be posted online around the middle of the previous month. (For January 2026, online ordering will open on Monday January 12). Families will create a Munch a Lunch account, select the meals their student would like, make a payment at their discretion, and that's it! Meals will be delivered directly to students in their classrooms on the days they've ordered.

If you need support to place an order, please contact Amber Johansen - amber.johansen@sd71.bc.ca

Do I have to pay with a credit card?

Yes, currently, we can only accept online orders paid by credit card. If using a credit card is a barrier, you can select \$0.00 as your payment amount. Cash or cheque donations can be made separately, but they won't be connected to your account or lunch order.

How do I place an order?

- Go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/valleyview to create an account.
- Click 'Register Here'
- Add each of your children and their classes (teacher name)
- Go through each menu day, making sure to 'Add' your selections to your cart.
- Click 'Finished' then 'Next' then 'Yes, this is correct' then 'Checkout'
- Complete the pay what you can page and submit your order



Questions?
Email Amber Johansen at
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"Food insecurity can be silent, universal meals take away the stigma, allowing all children to have access regardless of socioeconomic status"

- Dr. Kimberly Montez