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MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. As the leaves change color and the air grows crisper, our students continue to shine brightly in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities.

Now that we have started the second quarter, the academic workload and expectations for students are more rigorous. Please encourage your Marauder to stay on top of their coursework and practice good study habits. You can monitor your student's progress within the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Students can access their own progress and attendance as well, which will help them develop problem-solving skills and resourcefulness.

You can also access teacher google sites where teachers post their classroom information and assignments. Please visit our website at www.mingusunion.com and select Teacher Google Sites from the buttons on the left. Scroll down to find our teachers and click the Google Site hyperlink. If you have questions about your student's progress, please reach out to your student's teacher. Did you know you can send an email directly to teachers from our website? Simply click the "Send Email" hyperlink from and your communication will go directly to the teacher. We value your partnership and welcome your communication!

Mingus Union High School partners with Anonymous Alerts to allow students to anonymously report bullying, behavioral, and/or campus safety concerns using our mobile or Web-based apps, 24/7. The Anonymous Alerts reporting mobile app for students is simple and intuitive for any student to use. Advisory teachers reviewed this safety system with students and ensured that students know how to report. The Anonymous Alerts link is available on our website. Please encourage your Marauder to contribute to a positive learning environment and report unsafe behavior.

A big congratulations to Mingus theater and choir teacher, Mr. James Ball, for being honored as the Arizona Thespians Teacher of the Year for the North Region! Mr. Ball's dedication to the stage and the students of Mingus is an inspiration, and his passion for nurturing young talent has made him a shining star in the world of theater education. This award is well-deserved, and we are very proud of Mr. Ball and his accomplishments over his many years at Mingus.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

November is a time to reflect on our blessings and look forward to the exciting possibilities the future holds.

Have a wonderful month!

November Dates to Remember

November 8th
Winter Sports Parent Night
(More information on page 8)
6 - 7pm / MUHS Main Gym

November 9th
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm / MUHS Library
Regular Session

November 10th
Veterans Day (Observed)
No School

November 11th
Manzanita Outreach Food Share
(More information on page 10)
11am - 12:30pm (West Lot)

November 14th
Site Council Meeting
(More information on page 3)
5:15pm / MUHS Library

November 21
Blood Drive
(More information on page 2)
8am-1pm / Small Gym

November 22 - November 24
THANKSGIVING BREAK
No School



Genie Gee
Principal and
Treasure Hunter
Mingus Union High School



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

NOVEMBER 9 @ 6PM MUHS GOVERNING BOARD



Our governing board is comprised of five locally elected citizens. These individuals ensure the proper allocation of district funds and resources to best serve the needs and interests of our students.

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library on the Second Thursday of every month.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED



TRAINING AND SIGN-ON BONUS AVAILABLE
FLASHY COMPANY CAR
FLEXIBLE HOURS



MUHS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today's families are busy, and there's always something happening. Sync your family schedule with ours to avoid missing important testing dates and events when planning vacations and doctor appointments.

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Because of you, life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife

Mingus Union High School Thanksgiving Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am - 1:30 pm

MUHS Small Gym at 1801 E. Fir St.

Contact Kelcy Lyons at (928) 634-7531 (ext. 1113) or visit donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: Mingus)

~Acme Pizzeria would like to thank you for giving blood with a voucher for a free 10" cheese pizza.

~Nov. 1 - 30 donors have a chance to win 1 of 5 \$5,000 prepaid gift cards. Go to www.vitalant.org for details.

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ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS
are encouraged.

DONATE BLOOD
vitalant.org | 877-25-VITAL



MARAUDERS



SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, November 14th
5:15 pm ~ MUHS Library**

Council members collaboratively provide leadership, direction, and support to the school community in its quest to deliver a quality education to all students. The council makes decisions in the best interests of our ever-evolving educational community. We carefully evaluate every choice we make with respect to and in support of the school principal, staff, and parents. Members of the site council help us maintain positive school and community morale.

- Act as an advisory council to the school administrative staff.
- Represent and solicit input from parents, students, community, and staff members.
- Review literature and data.
- Make recommendations for school improvement.
- Monitor implementation structure for new instructional designs.
- Provide local leadership and representation in the school decision-making structure.

SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS: We value your opinion and welcome you to attend and participate in site council meetings. Our next meetings will be November 14, and December 12, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the library.



**For more
information or
to make an
appointment
for assistance.**

**It is our goal to make sure
students have what they
need to be successful here
at School and out in
our Community!**

**The Hope Center provides
a wide variety of items
on campus as well as
contact information for
community resources**

Sarah Garrett

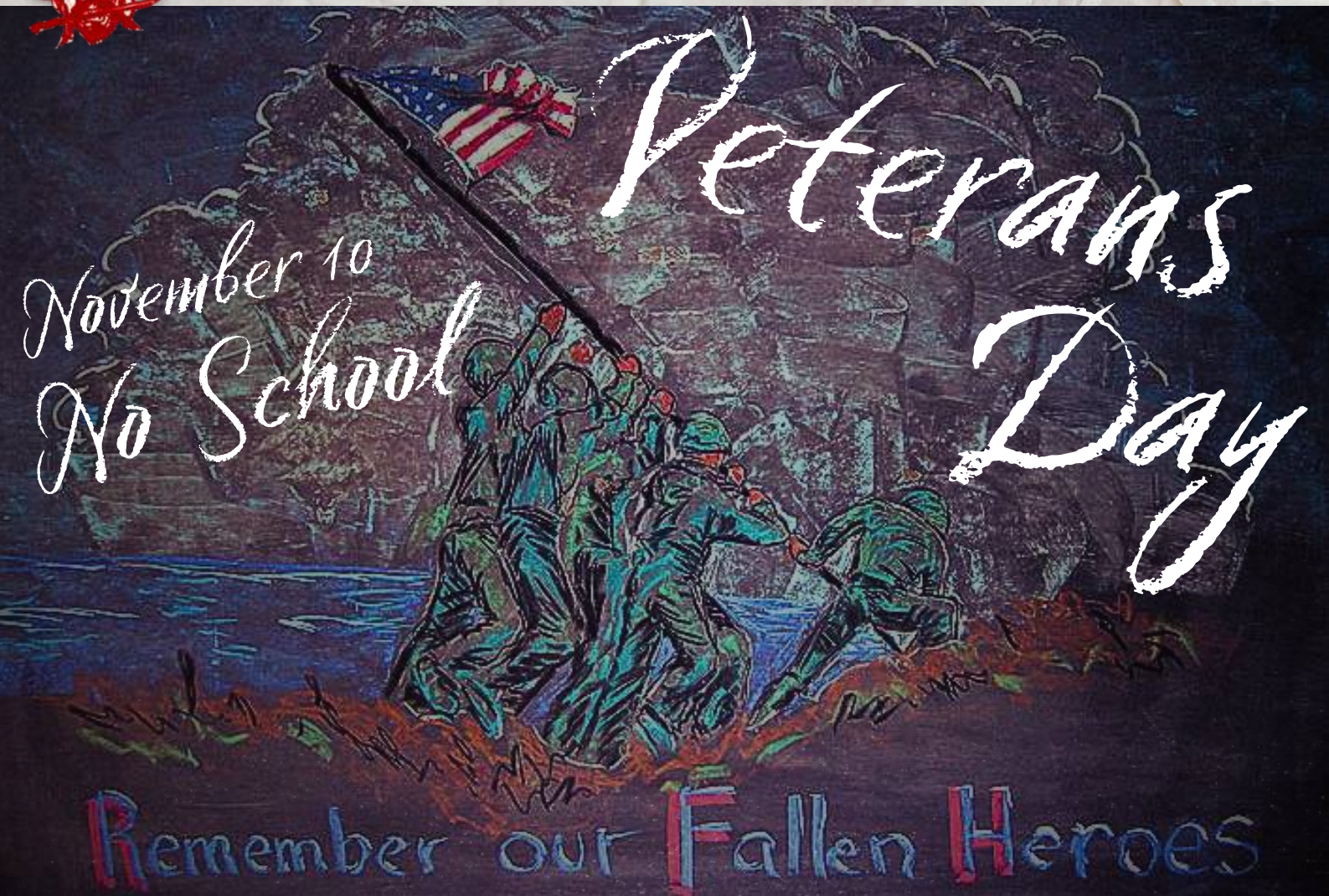
Community & Family Outreach Coordinator
Call: 928-263-2875
Email: sgarrett@muhs.com



**It is best to have
adds submitted
by the end of
December to
assure they make it
into the yearbook!**

**Please reach out the
MUHS Office if you
have any questions!**





November 10
No School

Veterans Day

Remember our Fallen Heroes

Thanksgiving Break

November 22 – November 24

No School





**MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL
IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE A NEW
COMMUNICATIONS TOOL CALLED...**

Anonymous Alerts

**Did you
know?**

report it®



For Android OS



For Apple OS

How does it work?

To use this revolutionary new app, students, parents or other school personnel can simply visit the Mingus Union High School website and click on the "Anonymous Alerts" button or text link to submit a report expressing their concern. Anonymous Alerts® mobile applications can be downloaded directly from the Apple, Google Play or the Chrome stores.

Mingus Union High School supplies student an activation code, making the app remarkably easy to use and students select which school the message should go to. In addition, informational posters explaining how to use the app will be displayed throughout schools and offices in the district.

To send reports from the Web/Internet go to:
<https://tips.anonymousalerts.com/mingusunionhs>

To send a report from your phone:
Download the Anonymous Alerts® app for free from the Apple Store, Google Play store, or the Chrome store
Start the App, enter activation code: [mingusunionhs](https://tips.anonymousalerts.com/mingusunionhs)
Send important reports to school officials
Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

Anonymous Alerts Overview Video

<https://youtu.be/sT-wOKRfXZO>



In an emergency, always call 9-1-1!

Keep up to date with Anonymous Alerts by following them on their social media platforms:
[Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)



We are so proud of our Marauders & want to share the amazing things they do!



Savannah Tobias has been selected to represent the United States in women's basketball at the 2024 United World Games, which will take place in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee, Austria. She was selected from among several hundred candidates to be on the 16U team of eight girls that will represent the U.S. The selection process involved representatives watching her play at different tournaments and requesting videos. They also checked her school grades, as they were seeking a candidate who excelled in both sports and schoolwork. Founded in 2005 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United World Games is an Olympic style youth sports tournament of 800 teams from 40 countries competing in 16 sports over four days every June.

Jireth Valenzuela was invited to represent MUHS and the State of Arizona in the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. The Congress is an honors-only academic program that will be held in the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in June 2024. Attendees will receive college credits as an optional benefit for their attendance, and will meet Nobel Prize winners, Award-winning inventors, and scientists. During the Congress, attendees discuss and observe state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and will have the opportunity to view a surgery where they will be able to submit questions for the surgeon and get answers in real time during the procedure. After the close of the Congress, Jireth will be presented with the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence.



A-F Letter Grades were released on Friday, October 27th. MUHS is still a B, but a higher B! We increased our score by 6 points which is progress in the right direction!

Several schools in our area saw an increase in their scores. It's so great to see good momentum in education in the Verde Valley. You can access letter grades for all AZ schools on the State Board of Education website.

(<https://azsbe.az.gov/schools/a-f-school-letter-grades>)





JAMES BALL



ARIZONA THESPIANS TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Award for the North Region



This award is given each year to a teacher that demonstrates exceptional courage and devotion to the Performing Arts Program at their school. The Board considers many factors when choosing a recipient for this award, including years of service, leadership, and character. Mr. Ball will receive his award this month during the Awards Program of the State Thespian Festival which will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center.



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VALLEY
ACADEMY FOR
CAREER AND
TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION



VACTE - The Valley Academy of Career & Technology Education would like to highlight our FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Fire Science class is a college-level course that is designed to prepare entry – level firefighters to successfully achieve Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence Fire Fighter I & II, Hazmat Certifications. It will teach students to understand and manage the role and function of a firefighter as outlined in NFPA 1001 - Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications. This course is hazardous by its nature and includes high-risk functions such as the use of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Wildland training, power tool operations, ladder operations, roof ventilations skills, vehicle extrication, and live firefighting exercises. Students conduct hands-on activities which prepare them for mentally and physically challenging experiences.

The VACTE Firefighter Certification Academy will earn 18 Yavapai College credits. The students will use the IFSTA Essentials 7th edition textbook including fire department operations, Firefighting equipment, tools, and safety.

There is an emphasis on the chemistry of fire, techniques and skills of a firefighter, and utilization of equipment and tools used in the fire service. This academic preparation is for Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence Fire Fighter I & II certification, and all the Job Performance Requirements associated with it. The class will include physically demanding work and various skills courses that will allow you to be able to function on the fire ground.



VACTE currently employs 3 fire fighting instructors, Ed Loesche, Eric Ostler, and Jarrett Tarver.

Mr. Loesch is a retired Coast Guard Chief, served on the Gulf Strike Team, and served as a fire fighter for over 30 years. Eric Ostler is a current fire fighter from Copper Canyon Fire & Medical Department and Jarrett Tarver is a current firefighter for Sedona Fire Department.



Community Events & Resources

There's no doubt that our Verde Valley community knows how to come together to support those who live here!

This page will list some of those amazing Community Resources and let you know some of the events and happenings they have planned this month.

[Click on the photos to be taken to the link for the event.](#)

Inspiring
CHANGE

Providing
HOPE

Old Town Mission
116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869

Mission Thrift Store
810 W Mingus Ave
Cottonwood
928-634-1644

Sharing God's LOVE

FOOD PANTRY
Wednesday: 9 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm

COMMUNITY MEALS
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Monday: 5 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday: 4 pm - 6 pm *(Served to-go only)*

RESOURCE CENTER
* Available for those without residence:
Showers, breakfast, clothes, hygiene & resources
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 am - 11 am

THE KIDS SHOP
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm
Monday 5 pm - 6 pm
or call for an appointment 928-634-7869

HAIR SALON
Monday 4 pm to 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 12:30 pm pm

VISION
1st Tuesday/month
10 am - 11 am

LEGAL
Call: 928-634-7869

MISSION THRIFT STORE
Clothing vouchers can be used Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
810 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood

The Mission is a SNAP Community Partner

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the USDA.
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The Great TURKEY GIVEAWAY
November **21** Tuesday
116 E. Pinal Street
9 am - 4 PM

Holiday Boxes include:

- 12 - 20lb Frozen Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Mushroom Soup & Green Beans
- French Fried Onions
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Bread & Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Pies



November 11th:
MO @ MUHS Food Share
11am - 12:30pm
(West Lot)

Manzanita Outreach hosts a **FREE** food share event every 2nd Saturday of the month in the west parking lot closest to the tennis courts.

This is a drive-thru event - just enter the parking lot and follow the directions - open your trunk and an incredible food box will be delivered right to your vehicle.

Everyone is welcome!



Manzanita Outreach

CLICK

For a Calendar of all this month's Food Share Events





Community Events & Resources

Low Income Student Aid (LISA, Inc.) is a non-profit organization that assists past & present students who currently attend or promoted from, Cottonwood Community School, Dr. Daniel Bright School or Oak Creek School.



Calling all high school students who promoted from Cottonwood Community School, Dr. Daniel Bright, or Oak Creek School

Ways we can help: clothing, shoes, bedding, birthday/Easter/Christmas, medical bills, exams, therapies, prescriptions or equipment, haircuts, backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, cafeteria outstanding balances, Homecoming, prom expenses, graduation announcements, college tuition, book deposits. Fees for: Sports, extracurricular activities, camps, field trips, parking spaces, college dorm etc...



Low Income Student Aid, Inc.
PO BOX 529, Cornville AZ 86325
cornvillelisainc@gmail.com
oakcreeklisa.org



NOVEMBER 2023

Mingus Union High School

LUNCH



Meal Prices:
Breakfast
Lunch

Students
\$1.50
\$3.00

Adults
\$3.00
\$5.00



November is National Peanut Butter Lovers Month.
Peanut butter can be enjoyed in a granola bar, mixed into yogurt to make a fruit dip or spread on bread for a classic peanut butter sandwich.

Additional Entrees Offered Daily:
Chef Salad
Deli Sandwich
PB & J Uncrustable

MONDAY



Popcorn Chicken & Mashed
Potato Bowl w/ Roll
Individual Cheese Pizza
Individual Pepperoni Pizza
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Sweet Potato Fries

6

TUESDAY

Green Chili Cheese
Enchiladas
Bean & Cheese Burrito
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
Refried Beans
Lettuce & Tomato

7

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast for Lunch
(Cheese Omelet, Sausage,
Cinnamon Roll or Waffle)
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza
Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad
Hashbrown Triangles

1

THURSDAY

Orange Chicken Bowl
Honey BBQ Pork Rib
Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Broccoli & Cauliflower Medley

2

FRIDAY

Corn Dog
Bosco Cheese Pizza Sticks
Bosco Pepperoni Pizza
Sticks
Tossed Salad
Green Beans

3

Popcorn Chicken w/ WG Roll
Individual Cheese Pizza
Individual Pepperoni Pizza
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Oven Baked Fries

13

Beefy Nachos
Bean & Cheese Chalupa
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
Refried Beans
Lettuce & Tomato

14

Hot Dog w/ Chips
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza
Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Tomato
Oven Baked Tater Tots

15

Turkey in Gravy w/ Mashed
Potatoes & Dinner Roll
Honey BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich
Tossed Salad
Corn
Pumpkin Pie

16

Corn Dog
Bosco Cheese Pizza Sticks
Bosco Pepperoni Pizza Sticks
Tossed Salad
Sweet Potato Fries

17

Manager's Choice
Assorted Entrees
Assorted Vegetables
Assorted Fruits

20

Manager's Choice
Assorted Entrees
Assorted Vegetables
Assorted Fruits

21

Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza
Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad
Sweet Potato Fries

22

No School

23

Thanksgiving Break

Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll
Individual Cheese Pizza
Individual Pepperoni Pizza
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Oven Baked Fries

27

Doritos Walking Taco
Cheese Quesadilla
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
Refried Beans
Lettuce & Tomato

28

Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza
Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad
Sweet Potato Fries

29

Egg Rolls w/ Veggie Fried Rice
Pizza Sticks w/ Marinara
Sauce
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Broccoli & Cauliflower Medley

30

Offered Daily:
Assorted Fresh & Canned
Fruits
100% Juice
1% White Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 2023

Mingus Union High School



Meal Prices:
Breakfast
Lunch

Students
\$1.50
\$3.00

Adults
\$3.00
\$5.00



November 25 is National Parfait Day! Enjoy a low-fat yogurt parfait for breakfast, snack or lunch. Top with fruit and nuts to get in two more food groups. Look for seasonal flavors of yogurt or a fruit that's in season to add variety throughout the year.

Additional Entrees Offered Daily:
Yogurt
Mini Yogurt Parfait
Cereal



MONDAY



Homemade Breakfast
Sandwich
Cinnamon Pancakes

6

TUESDAY

Homemade Breakfast
Burrito
Apple Frudel

7

WEDNESDAY

Mini Cinnis
Assorted Muffins

1

THURSDAY

Biscuits & Gravy
Super Donut

2

FRIDAY

Fresh Baked Cinnamon
Roll
Banana Chocolate
Chunk Breakfast Bar

3

Homemade Breakfast
Sandwich
Cinnamon Pancakes

13

Homemade Breakfast
Burrito
Apple Frudel

14

Banana Bread
Assorted Muffins

15

Biscuits & Gravy
Super Donut

16

Fresh Baked Cinnamon
Roll
Banana Chocolate
Chunk Breakfast Bar

17

Homemade Breakfast
Sandwich
Cinnamon Pancakes

20

**Assorted Breakfast
Entrees**

21

Banana Bread
Assorted Muffins

22

No School

23

Thanksgiving Break

Homemade Breakfast
Sandwich
Cinnamon Pancakes

27

Homemade Breakfast
Burrito
Apple Frudel

28

Banana Bread
Assorted Muffins

29

Biscuits & Gravy
Super Donut

30

Offered Daily:
Assorted Fresh & Canned
Fruits
100% Juice
1% White Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

