



## ELBA HI-TIMES 2.0

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HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



Allison Pritchard, Superintendent

### School Motto:

Michael Collett, 7-12 Principal

Be Respectful, Be Responsible,

Tessa Reiman, Guidance Counselor

Be Safe, Be Prepared

Michael Collett, Activities Director

Elba Public Schools

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Elba Public School's Mission is to

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educate students through individualized

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instruction to build lifelong learners, and

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help them to become productive citizens  
in our society.

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# From our Superintendent:

Elba passed their annual budget on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Elba's budget history chart is included in this newsletter. The biggest change in Nebraska's budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was legislature LB 644. LB 644 states the tax asking cannot be more than 2% increase in the tax asking of the previous year. There is also some percentage of real growth added to the 2% in your county. Elba's percentage in which I could increase the tax asking was 2.63%, so the tax asking could not exceed the 2.63% amount of the previous year. LB 644 legislature in turn affected our tax levy. In 2020-2021, the tax levy was .961955. In 2021-2022 the levy was .96342 and the 2022-2023 school year is .954962. If any school district goes over their tax asking percentage increase a school employee will have to go to the public entity meeting and explain their tax asking increase. Elba did not exceed their tax asking, so they will not be attending the meeting. See chart for more budget details. If there are ever any questions, please ask Ms. Pritchard.

## BUDGET

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	
<b>Land Evaluation</b>	\$164,889,469	\$165,365,137	\$168,258,938	increase \$2,893,801
<b>General Fund Tax asking</b>	\$1,565,657	\$1,565,657	\$1,578,966.78	increase \$41,151.78
<b>Tax asking limit</b>	N/A	N/A	\$1,606,833.78	\$41,176.78
<b>Building Fund Tax asking</b>	\$20,505	\$27,503	\$27,842	increase \$339
<b>Total Fund Tax asking</b>	\$1,586,162	\$1,593,160	\$1,606,808.78	\$13,648.78
<b>General Levy</b>	0.949519	0.946788	0.938415	decrease \$.008373
<b>Building Levy</b>	0.012436	0.016632	0.016547	decrease .000085
<b>Overall Levy</b>	0.961955	0.96342	0.954962	decrease .008458
<b>Overall Budget</b>	\$2,912,000	\$3,771,458	\$4,249,711.78	increase \$478,253.78

# Counselor Corner

## College Planning Priorities

### Fall - Senior

- ☐ Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account, if you haven't already.
- ☐ Make sure you're on track to meet graduation and college admission requirements.
- ☐ Apply to your top college choices.
- ☐ Create a Federal Student Aid Account (one for you and one for a parent).
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA on or after October 1.
- ☐ Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link.
- ☐ Retake the ACT and/or SAT.
- ☐ Get serious about applying for scholarships.
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation for scholarship applications.
- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ If you haven't already, visit your top college choices.

### Fall - Junior

- ☐ Stay on track to meet college admission requirements.
- ☐ Take the ACT and ASVAB exams.
- ☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Focus on your career interests.
- ☐ Research colleges that interest you.
- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account, if you haven't already.

### Fall - Sophomore

- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account, if you haven't already.
- ☐ Expand your involvement in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Improve your study skills to help you earn better grades.

### Fall - Freshmen

- ☐ Create a four-year academic plan.
- ☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account.

# October College/Career Events

- **10/1/2022 - FAFSA Opens**
  - Students and one parent will need to register for their own FSAID accounts. Parents will reuse FSAID accounts from previous student applications (older siblings).
- **10/21/22 - Manufacturing Tour at Case New Holland and AGI in Grand Island**
  - Interested and eligible 9-12th grade students
  - Time: 8:15am - 3:45pm, lunch in Grand Island!
  - Learn about manufacturing and careers in Ag! Lunch in Grand Island!
- **10/24/22 - Central Community College (Grand Island) Campus Tour**
  - Interested and eligible 8th grade students
  - 9:30am - 2:45pm, lunch on campus!
- **10/27/22 - FAFSA Completion Webinar Watch Party**
  - EPS will host an EducationQuest webinar designed to help you complete the FAFSA
  - 6:00pm-8:30pm, dinner provided!
- **10/31/22 - Apply2College Event**
  - Seniors will apply to college, complete FAFSA, and apply for scholarships
  - 8:00am - 12:25pm in the Bluejay Room
  - EducationQuest and college admission representatives will be assisting students!
- **TBD - University of Nebraska-Kearney Campus Visit**
  - Interested and eligible 9th & 10th grade students, upperclassmen by request
  - Sign up sheets and travel forms will be available outside the counseling office!

## *A note from your counselor...*

Hello! First, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I've received from the Elba community. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the students and families of EPS! These first couple of months have been fun, exciting, and challenging as I've worked to expose your high school students to many college and career opportunities available to them after graduation. In September, Juniors and Seniors were able to visit with several college admission representatives at a college fair, visit Wayne State College, attend a financial aid presentation from EducationQuest, and hear from two military recruiters. Freshmen and Sophomores also started conversations about college and careers at our evening event. Thank you to those who attended!

In October, the Senior class will focus on college applications, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and scholarship searches. We are also planning an exciting trip for interested 9th-12th grade students to learn more about manufacturing at AGI and Case New Holland Industrial, two of the leading producers of the agricultural industry. The 8th grade class will have an opportunity to explore a college campus for the first time at Central Community College in Grand Island, and our Freshmen and Sophomores will soon have an opportunity to visit the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Check back for further details!

~Mrs. Reiman



# October - Bullying Prevention Month

This time of year is always full of adjustments and getting new routines established. The free resources listed below can help you during this challenging time.

- Disaster Distress Helpline  
1-800-985-5990
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988
- National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233
  - or text LOVEIS to 22522
- National Child Abuse Hotline  
1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453)
- Nebraska Adult & Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline  
1-800-652-1999
- National Sexual Assault Hotline  
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
- SAMHSA's National Helpline  
1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- Nebraska Family Helpline  
1-888-866-8660
- Families Care 308-237-1102
- Region 3 Behavioral Health 308-237-5113

## I am here for you!

Please don't hesitate to contact me:

Phone: 308-863-2220

Email: [tessa.reiman@elbaps.org](mailto:tessa.reiman@elbaps.org)

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## What is bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children. It involves a real or perceived power imbalance and the behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and kids who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

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## How can I prevent bullying?

- Help kids understand bullying. Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.
- Keep the lines of communication open. Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.
- Encourage kids to do what they love. Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behavior.
- Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.

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## Bullying Prevention at EPS

Mrs. Reiman will be addressing the effects of bullying in the classroom this month during Guidance lessons. EPS takes bullying very seriously and invites collaboration with families to resolve the situation, protect the bullied child, and support all students involved. For more resources please explore the [StopBullying.gov](https://stopbullying.gov) website.

# High School Volleyball

Our season is off to a good start. We have four wins and nine losses. As a team, we have a total of 73 aces, 138, kills and 343 digs. We have wins against Harvard, St. Edward and 2 against Heartland Lutheran. On September 10th we played in a 6 team tournament in Polk at High Plains High School and came home with 3rd place. Our JV team played in their first game on September 12th in Hampton. We hope to get a few more games for JV. We are looking forward to improving and working hard the rest of our season. We had another addition to our team as well, Sophomore Amanda Sagra-Mateo from Spain! Our upcoming volleyball games are: Friday, October 7th, will be at home vs. St. Edward starting at 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 8th, we are traveling to Palmer for a tournament, the first game starts at 9:00 a.m.; Tuesday, October 11th, will be a home game vs Palmer and HSF, first game starts at 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, October 13th will be our first game at the Goldenrod Conference; the last game in October will be Thursday the 20th at Palmer. The team would appreciate you showing up to the last few games of the season.

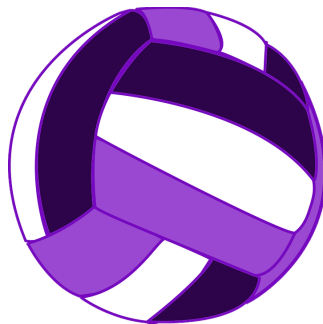


Back Row: Amanda, Reagan, Jaime, Meleyana, Maycee, Alexis, Deanna, Marlene  
Front Row: Alana, Marissa, Mackenzie, Aryan

## **Junior High Volleyball**

The girls have still been working hard in practice, showing a lot of hustle and effort. Their schedule for the rest of October is as follows: 3rd-at home vs. Harvard, with a start time of 3:00 p.m.; 6th-at home vs. Trinity Lutheran, with a start time of 4:00 p.m.; 14th-at home vs. Central Valley, with a start time of 3:00 p.m.; 19th-traveling to Humphrey St. Francis with a start time of 3:30 p.m.; 21st-at home vs. Osceola, with a start time of 3:00 p.m.; the 24th takes our team traveling to Grand Island for a Saturday Tournament at Trinity Lutheran, time to be determined; 26th- at Riverside, with a start time of 4:00 p.m., and ending the month on the 29th with a game at home vs. Fullerton, with a start time of 4:30 p.m.

GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON!



PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

OCTOBER 7th, 2022 WILL BE AN EARLY OUT AT 1:00 PM. THE FOOTBALL GAME BEGINS AT 2:00 PM AND THE VOLLEYBALL GAME BEGINS AT 5:00 PM. A SPECIAL VISITOR WILL BE RANDY RASMUSSEN WHO PLAYED PRO FOOTBALL ON THE NEW YORK JETS TEAM. THERE WILL BE A SHORT PRESENTATION TO HONOR HIM AT THE FOOTBALL GAME. THE HOMECOMING CROWNING WILL OCCUR AFTER THE FOOTBALL GAME.

SEE YOU THERE!

MS. PRITCHARD, MR.COLLETT AND TEACHERS

# HOMECOMING BONFIRE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 4th

## Firefighters

### Hamburger Feed

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering

Open to Everyone

### PTO Jersey Auction

7:00 p.m.

Bid on your favorite player's jersey and wear it Friday to show your spirit!



## Bonfire

Following the Auction around

7:30 p.m.

Elba Field



ELBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

# HOMECOMING WEEK

OCTOBER 3RD-7TH

**Monday**

Vacation Day

**Tuesday:**

Twin Day

**Wednesday:**

Opposite Gender Day

**Thursday:**

Country vs. Country

Club Day

**Friday:**

Purple vs. Yellow (All  
purple or all yellow)

"Let the School  
Spirit be  
Unleashed"



# WELCOME TO OUR HOUSES!

**RESPECT**

**INTEGRITY**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**COURAGE**

## Building Character

Starting in 2021, Elba Public Schools has incorporated the house system to build a positive encouraging atmosphere, social skills and relationships across the grades, as well as, to provide fun activities and experiences that the students may not be able to have access to in a classroom setting. The 4 personality traits above are also the titles of each of the houses that make up our school. They are the traits our school wants our students to know, and hopefully, develop by the time they graduate. Through the activities, the students will be interacting in a whole new way and they will have to work together to complete the activities, which in turn, builds those desired social skills.



Each month, students are able to work together in their houses to earn points and prizes. There is a house meeting on the last Wednesday of each month to do a fun activity and announce the point totals for each House. At the end of the year, the House with the most points will win the final prize!

**Students can wear their House t-shirts on the day of the House meetings to receive a point for their House!**

If your child has an issue with a shirt, please contact Melissa Donscheski at the school.  
[melissa.donscheski@elbaps.org](mailto:melissa.donscheski@elbaps.org)



# Join our Elba


## PTO/Booster Club

Questions contact any of our members:

Meagan Wysocki, Jackie Morrow,  
Randie Spiehs, Amy Wells, Baylee  
Collett, & Nikki Fredrick

### What is PTO/Booster Club?

- PTO is the Parent Teacher Organization for our school. Volunteers help raise money and donate their time to have activities in our school to support our teachers, students and families. Past events such as Welcome Back Bash, Inflatables for last day of school, Grandparents Day, Family Nights such as nerf nights or themed literacy and math nights, teacher appreciation.
- Booster Club is made up of parents and school staff who support the extracurricular activities at our school. We plan events such as Team Meal nights, snacks for bus rides, equipment needs for teams, etc.



Meetings are at the  
Community Center.  
Third Wednesday of  
the month at 7 p.m.



### WE NEED YOU!

Creative minds, doers,  
donators, it takes all  
kinds to be successful.

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

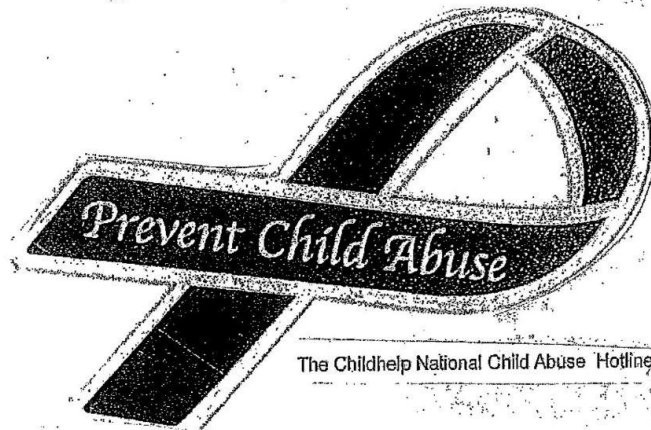
Students, parents, employees, and applicants for admission and employment, and all unions holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with Elba Public School are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, disability status, sexual orientation, or gender identification in admissions, programs, activities, career and technical education (CTE) classes and opportunities, or any other aspect of school operations. Discrimination based on any of the grounds listed above, as well as sexual violence and/or harassment are not permitted by this institution.

### Grievance Procedures

Elba Public School has grievance procedures for addressing discrimination of any kind related to the above listed non-discrimination policy (including sexual violence and/or sexual harassment) that are available to all students, parents, and staff. Any person wishing to initiate a grievance procedure or having questions about this institution's compliance with Civil Rights including, but not limited to, Title IX, Title II, Title VI, and/or Section 504 should contact the Superintendent of Schools at 308-863-2228 or in person at the school office.

### Admission/Selection/Participation in Educational Classes/Programs & Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities

Admission/selection/enrollment in/participation in instructional classes and programs (including, but not limited to, Career and Technical Education - CTE) and co-curricular and extracurricular activities, where possible, is determined according to student interest and abilities. Student interests and preferences are considered with regard to class schedules in conjunction with meeting graduation requirements, and state and federal guidelines. All students are allowed to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities according to their interests as long as they are in compliance with academic eligibility requirements, state guidelines, and school policies. Students are not barred admission to classes, programs, other instructional opportunities (including career and technical education - CTE), or co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the full range of school instructional programs and co-curricular and extracurricular programs in accordance with their ability as determined by the IEP team in conjunction with parent/guardian and student preferences.



We have some incredible resources available in our communities. Whether or not families know about them, can access them, or can qualify for them seems to be a major system issue. Moments of crisis for families is something the Behavioral Health System of Care is focusing on, partnering with the **Nebraska Family Helpline** as the #1 resource for help. Helpline operators are trained and can assess immediate safety needs, identify the potential level of crisis, and make recommendations or referrals to appropriate resources. If needed they can help callers connect to emergency resources or providers. The Nebraska Family Helpline can help find providers and community resources for help.





# Elba Public Schools

October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
						11:00am: Varsity Volleyball Cornerstone Christian/Parkview Christian/Elba @ Parkview Christian
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3:00pm: J/R High Volleyball vs Harvard @ Elba 4:30pm: J/R High Football vs Amherst @ Amherst	Bonfire	1:00pm: FLU SHOT CLINIC	5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball Central Valley/Anselmo - Merna/Elba @ Anselmo-Merna	2:00pm: Varsity Football vs St Ed @ Elba 5:00pm: Varsity Volleyball vs St. Ed @ Elba 2:00 DISMISSAL	9:00am: Varsity Volleyball Palmer Tournament @ Palmer	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2:00pm: J/R High Volleyball vs St Ed @ St Ed	VOLLEYBALL PARENTS NIGHT 5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball Palmer/Humphrey/Elba @ Elba	3:00pm: J/R High Volleyball vs Palmer @ Palmer	Varsity Volleyball Goldenrod Conference Tournament @ Burwell End of 1st Quarter 5:00pm: Varsity Football vs Stuart @ Elba	TEACHER IN SERVICE NO SCHOOL	Varsity Volleyball Goldenrod Conference Tournament @ Burwell	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NO SCHOOL-FALL BREAK	NO SCHOOL-FALL BREAK		2:30pm: Varsity Football vs Santee @ Santee 5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball vs Palmer @ Palmer	1:00pm: AGI Manufacturing Event 9th thru 12th		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30am: 8th CCC Campus Tour		2:00 DISMISSAL 2:00 TEACHER IN SERVICE	6:30pm: FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT	8:15am: 3rd thru 6th Grade to Hastings Museum		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
8:00am: APPLY 2 COLLEGE						


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# Elba Public Schools

November 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4 NO PRESCHOOL	5
6	7	8 8:00am: SOPHOMORES PRE-ACT	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 8:00am: JUNIORS ASVAB TEST	16 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY	17 11:00am: 9th & 10th Grade UNK Campus Visit	18	19
20	21	22 9:00am: CONFERENCE 1 ACT PERFORM @ 1:30 2:00 DISMISSAL TEACHER IN SERVICE	23 THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 THANKSGIVING BREAK	25 THANKSGIVING BREAK	26
27	28	29 7:00pm: Community ONE ACT Performance	30 2:00 DISMISSAL TEACHER IN SERVICE	1	2	3


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## Elba Breakfast Menu Oct.2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Cinnamon Roll OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	4 Breakfast Burrito OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	5 Biscuits N Gravy OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	6 Coffee Cake OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	7 Pancake OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk
10 Donuts OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	11 Scrambled Eggs OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	12 Muffin OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	13 Sausage, Cheese on a Bun OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	14 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
17 	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19 Cinnamon Rolls OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	20 Breakfast Burrito OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	21 Pancake OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk
24 Donut OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	25 Scrambled eggs OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	26 Muffin OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	27 Sausage Pancake on a Stick OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk	28 French Toast OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk
31 Cinnamon Roll OR...Cold Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk				

*Vegetable Salad Bars at Elba Public School comply with the National School Lunch Program. Students will visit the salad bar daily.  
Fruits and vegetables play a very important part; providing many nutritious and healthy options to choose from.*

## Elba Lunch Menu- October 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes N Gravy, Dinner Roll, Milk Salad Bar	4 Nachos-Grande, Corn, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	5 Smothered Burrito, Veggies, Cake, Milk Salad Bar	6 Philly Steak Sandwich, Broccoli N Cheese, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	7 Spaghetti N Meat Sauce, Breadsticks, Veggies, Milk Salad Bar
10 Chicken Patty on a Bun, Veggies, Cake, Milk Salad Bar	11 Chicken Fajitas, Corn, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	12 Crispitos, Broccoli N Cheese, Peanut Butter Bar, Milk Salad Bar	13 Hamburger on a Bun, Veggies, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	14 
17 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK Salad Bar	18 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK Salad Bar	19 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes N Gravy, Milk Salad Bar	20 Meatball Subs, Veggies, Cake, Milk Salad Bar	21 Chicken Wrap, Veggies, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar
24 Ham Patty on a Bun, French Fries, Cake, Milk Salad Bar	25 Walking Taco, Corn, No Bakes, Milk Salad Bar	26 Pizza Burgers, Veggies, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	27 Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar	28 Goulash, Veggies, Cookie, Milk Salad Bar
31 McRib, French fries, Cake, Milk Salad Bar	1 Chicken Fajitas Salad Bar	2 Salad Bar	3 Salad Bar	4 Salad Bar

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