



Back to School = Back to Busy

Quick & Easy Dinner + Snack Ideas from Our Followers

Staff Report

We asked our amazing Facebook followers for the Butler County Banner and the Edmonson News to help us build a collection of their favorite go-to dinners and easy snack ideas—and they delivered. Whether you’re throwing something in the crockpot before work, assembling a last-minute quesadilla, or prepping healthy after-school snacks, this list is packed with real recipes from real families who know the back-to-school hustle.

As the school year kicks off and routines fill up fast, dinner often becomes one of the first things to feel the pinch. Between homework, practices, and evening commitments, families are always looking for quick, affordable, and kid-approved meal options.

Dinner Ideas
Ashlynn’s “Chicken Roast” (Oven)

- 3–4 chicken breasts
- 2 cans French-style green beans (drain 1½ cans)
- 5–6 red potatoes, diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 stick butter
- 1 packet ranch seasoning

Place chicken in the center of a large baking dish or Dutch oven. Add potatoes and green beans to each side. Sprinkle with chopped onions.

Melt butter and mix with ranch seasoning, pour over. Cover and bake at 375°F for 1 hour or until chicken is done and potatoes are soft.

Ashley’s Salsa Chicken (Crockpot)

- 2–3 chicken breasts
- 1 jar salsa
- 1 packet taco seasoning (or 2 tbsp)

Cook on low all day. Serve as burrito bowls, in tacos, taco salads, nachos, and more.

Heather’s Chicken Tacos (Crockpot)

- Chicken breasts
- 1 jar salsa
- Taco seasoning
- Ranch seasoning

Cook on low all day. Great in tortillas, rice bowls, lettuce wraps, or with black beans.

Olivia’s Chicken & Gravy (Crockpot)

- 1.5 lbs boneless, skinless chicken
- 4 chicken gravy packets
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 3½ cups water

Cook on high for 4 hours. Serve with stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Joy’s Chicken Spaghetti (Crockpot)

- 3 chicken breasts
- 1 jar marinara + 1 jar Alfredo sauce
- 1 block cream cheese
- Garlic salt, onion powder, red pepper, salt & pepper
- Shredded cheese + cooked spaghetti noodles

Cook on high 6 hours. Stir in cheese and noodles before serving.

Emily’s Chicken Quesadillas

- Shredded rotisserie/boiled chicken
- Cheese tossed with taco & ranch seasoning
- Sour cream
- Tortillas

Spread sour cream on tortilla, add chicken and cheese, grill in pan, fold, slice, serve with salsa.

Lisa’s Grilled Chicken Tacos

- Canned chicken
- Shredded cheese
- Taco seasoning
- Tortillas

Mix chicken, cheese, seasoning. Grill like a grilled cheese sandwich.

Michelle’s Italian Chicken Bake

- Chicken breasts
 - Red potatoes
 - Green beans
 - 1 packet dry Italian dressing mix
- Layer in a 9x13 pan, sprinkle mix, cover and bake until done.

Kelli’s One-Pan Shrimp & Sausage

- Country-style potatoes (frozen)
- Sliced smoked sausage
- Peppers & onions
- Frozen shrimp
- Old Bay, salt, pepper

Fry potatoes, add sausage and veggies, then shrimp. Season and cook until done.

Sheena’s Crockpot Manhattans

- 2 boneless beef roasts
- 2 packets dry ranch
- 2 packets au jus
- 6–8 tbsp butter
- 6–8 pepperoncinis

Cook low 6–8 hours. Serve with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Brian’s “Shingle Sandwich”

Toast two slices of bread, add turkey, tomato, bacon, and top with cheddar cheese soup.

Brian’s Chili Cheese Dip

Layer cream cheese, chili, and shredded cheese in a bowl. Microwave for 3 minutes. Serve with chips.

Taco Tuesday & More Meal Ideas:

- Taco nachos or taco soup
- Mac & cheese & chicken nuggets
- Pizza night
- Chili, potato soup or veggie soup with grilled cheese
- Sloppy Joes
- Baked Ziti with salad & garlic bread
- Grilled Chicken Alfredo

•Sandwich Bar

After-School Snack Ideas
Frozen Yogurt Grapes

Cover grapes in vanilla Greek yogurt and freeze.

Premade Parfait Cups

Layer yogurt, granola, and fruit in small cups for grab-and-go snacks.

Bananas, Apples, & Freeze-Dried Fruit

Pre-slice apples, strawberries, bananas and portion into snack-size bags with blueberries and orange slices for a week’s worth of snacks.

Meat & Cheese Tray

Ham, turkey, pepperoni, and whatever cheese you have on hand.

Quick Quesadillas

Cheese + tortilla = fast and filling.

Thanks to everyone who shared a recipe or snack idea!

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