

Marple Newtown School District Food Service

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Dear MNSD Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to an exciting 2017-2018 school year! Our Food Service Department would like to take this opportunity to provide an overview on our program and to thank you, in advance, for supporting your school food service.

Lunch Prices: The cost of an elementary school lunch is \$2.85. This includes an entrée choice, a fruit, a vegetable, and milk. Your student may select 2 or more vegetables. Your student may take all 5 items or select only 3. However, out of the 3 items selected, one item **MUST** be a fruit or a vegetable. A monthly menu will be sent home, but also be sure to visit our website. Please take time to review the menu with your student. Encourage your student to take fruits and vegetables as well as to try new foods.

Student ID numbers and access to lunch accounts: Your student is assigned a student Identification Number. This number will carry on until your student graduates. It is important your student know this number. The student ID number allows access to your student lunch account. Your student will punch in the number on the pin pad at the end of the lunch line. This will access your student's account. Please help your student memorize this number.

Meal Benefit Applications (MBA): You may qualify for meals, free or at a reduced cost. However, you need to complete a MBA. To complete a MBA, please visit www.paschoolmeals.com . All information is confidential. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Sgro at 610.359.4209 or email me at ebellew@mnsd.org

Meal Money: School Café is a unique website that offers convenience. You may sign up free of charge to view your student's account. If you wish to use a credit card as payment, there is a small fee associated with these transactions. Visit www.schoolcafe.com Cash or check payments are still accepted daily. Please be sure to place your check or money in an envelope with your student's name and homeroom indicated. Please be sure there is money in your student's account. We will ensure your student eats and will notify you by letter or email when your student's account is negative.

School Café: Visit the app store and sign up for the new School Café app. This app is ever changing and will allow you to learn more about our menus and nutritional info, as well as rate your student's food choices.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and Smart Snacks: Our menu and our daily snack offering reflect healthier food choices. Our menus meet the caloric needs, in addition to reducing saturated fats and sodium. Our snacks contain less than 200 calories and are targeted to specific nutrients vital to our growing student. For more information, please visit our website at www.mnsd.org > food service > links.

If you have any questions with regard to school lunch or your child's meal account, please contact Food Service Services at 610.359.4275 or e-mail me at ebellew@mnsd.org Again, thank you for supporting school meals!

Sincerely,

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