



HAWTHORN ELEMENTARY

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SUBJECT: Low and Negative Lunch Account Balances

Hello Hawthorn Families,

This is just a reminder that it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to monitor their student's lunch account on a regular basis to make sure that it doesn't fall below \$0.00. If your student is eating lunch and/or breakfast with us, they can easily spend almost \$3.50 a day. Lunch is \$2.20/day and breakfast is \$1.25/day. Reduced lunch is \$.40 and reduced breakfast is \$.30. At times, we also offer a 2nd entrée and snacks for purchase as well.

As a courtesy and on occasion, we have sent letters home with students when their lunch account balances have reached a negative or very low balance. While this is a nice reminder to families, it is very time consuming to process these letters and we have found that it hasn't always prompted families to bring their student's lunch balance up to good standing in a timely manner.

Three (3) charges are allowed on your student's account and after that, if no payment has been made to their account, they are then offered a cheese sandwich (with side choices) for lunch. We have been lenient on this policy – giving families a chance to get used to being back at school and getting into a regular routine. But, we are now 6 weeks into the school year and we will now begin to enforce this policy. If your student's account is not in good standing as of Wednesday, October 1st, 2014, they will be offered a cheese sandwich (with side choices).

An easy and quick way to track your student's lunch activity/balance is to set up an account on www.mypaymentsplus.com. You can add all of your students to one account by using their Park Hill student ID number (this is the number that has the "S" in front of it and most students know this number). Once the student(s) are added, you can set up an alert that will send you an email reminder when the student's lunch account balance falls below a dollar amount that you set. For instance, if you choose \$10 as the alert amount, you will receive a daily email when their account balance falls below \$10 and you will continue to get a daily email until their account balance is brought back up to over \$10. This is a really nice feature. You do NOT have to add money to the lunch account through this site to use the alert portion of it. If you do choose to add money through this site, there is a small fee attached to it. But again, the alert portion of this site is FREE and you can also track what your students are spending their lunch money on as well.

If I can be of any assistance to you in setting up an account on this website, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to help you with this. I also have access to your student's ID number if they do not know it.

Regards,

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