

2011-2012 School Year
FOOD SERVICE NEWS and NOTES

As I look forward to the up coming school year, many things come to my mind that I would like to share with each of you. Much of this information will simply refresh your memory (it's been a long summer!) and to the families of our new students, it will be a good starting point.

1- Monthly menus are sent home with all students in grades K-5. The back of each menu has information pertaining to a variety of topics that are relevant to school lunches and wellness. This information can also be viewed on the District's web site: www.lasd.k12.pa.us under the "Food Service" tab.

2- Money can be deposited into your student's Point of Sale (POS) lunch account several ways.

-MyNutriKids on line prepayment system is convenient and secure. For instructions on how to use this option, click on the "Food Service" tab on the District website and follow the links. Signing up for this allows you to track how your student spends their money and to have email sent when their account gets low. Online payments are not required to access your student's account information. POS balances as of the last day of the previous school year have carried over to this school year.

- You may also send cash or a check to school with your child. If you choose to send a check, make it payable to LASD Cafeteria Account and include your child's first and last name along with their student ID number on the memo line of the check. Any checks returned by the bank as NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) will be assessed an additional \$20.00 processing fee by the District. Any NSF checks that are not paid in a timely manner will be reported to the District Magistrate for collections.

3- All students are allowed to charge up to three meals. After the third meal is charged, students will receive an alternate meal if they do not have cash or money on their account to pay for the meal. Students in grades K-3 will also be allowed to charge up to five milk purchases-no other a la carte charges are allowed.

4-Once a week, usually on Monday, automated phone messages are sent to households of students in grades K-5 if they have either a negative account balance or if they have less than five meals worth of money in their account. Automated messages are also sent once a week to the households of students in grade 6-12 if they have a negative balance on their account. This is done as a courtesy so you can keep your student's account up to date.

5- Applications for Free/Reduced price meals will be sent home with your student on the first day of school. This application is also available online at www.compass.state.pa.us . If your student received Free/Reduced price meal benefits during last school year, these benefits will carry over for the first 30 school days this year. A new application **must** be received before the end of this 30 day period or your student's benefits will be expired until the new application is received.

6- Lunch prices for the up coming school year are as follows:

! Rolling Acres (K-3)	\$2.20
! Alloway Creek (4-5)	\$2.20
! Maple Avenue (6-8)	\$2.35
! High School (9-12)	\$2.35

7- The Food Service office is open from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on days school is in session. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

717-359-4146 ext. 3241 OR via email bentzene@lasd.k12.pa.us