MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2021-2022 CAFETERIA NEWS & MEALS INFORMATION

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 18 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEALS

Based on the exceptional circumstances of the ongoing public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the USDA has extended several waivers though the end of school year 2021–2022. These waivers allow **ALL STUDENTS** to receive breakfast and lunch meals at **NO CHARGE**. Individual student names or identification numbers will not be required for breakfast and lunch meals.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Although all students may receive meals at no charge during the 2021–2022 school year due to USDA waivers, your child's school relies on federal and state funding that is granted based on the school FARMS data. In addition, eligibility for other programs that may benefit your family, such as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), will also use current year FARMS eligibility. Families are strongly encouraged to apply for FARMS. **Households may apply online at www.MySchoolApps.com.**

PLEASE VISIT THESE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition (View menus, nutritional info and more)

https://dhsmaryland.gov/p-ebt/ (Info on the MD P-EBT program)

Call 1-800-332-6347 or visit https://dhs.maryland.gov/ (Info on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC), and medical programs)

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A variety of a la carte items may be in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale follow MCPS Regulation JPG-RA Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health. Specific items vary at each school. For information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. MCPS student ID numbers are used to access their account. Any money left on a student's account from last year is available for spending this year.

To make a prepayment:

- Use **MySchoolBucks.com**, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check cafeteria account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to **MySchoolBucks.com** to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check payable to the cafeteria.

CHECK ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Checks used to pay for a la carte items must contain: name, address, phone number and student ID number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of $25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

To request a refund or a balance transfer for a student no longer enrolled in MCPS, email DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org.

PREPAYMENT FORM FOR A LA CARTE PURCHASES

Please make the check payable to the cafeteria and include the name of your school. Checks used to pay for school a la carte items must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and student ID number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount $ _____

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Parent's/Guardian's Name _____