

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICES

Dear Parents or Guardian of Elementary School Students,

We would like to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year. We anticipate an exciting year and would like to take a moment of your time to explain our lunch program. Service will begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 and for aftercare students on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Starting this year, parents will no longer have to pre-order meals for their child(ren). You will simply prepay for as many meals as you choose. When your child goes through the lunch line (or if they have meals delivered to the classroom), they will be served lunch and the payment will be deducted from their account. We recommend you register your child for an on-line, pre-paid account as a safe and convenient method of payment. You can find the **UNIBANK** link on-line at www.newton.k12.ma.us/foodservices/index.html. Below are the fees for UNIBANK.

\$ 1.00 - \$ 99.99 is \$ 2.50

\$ 100.00 - \$ 199.99 is \$ 5.00

\$ 200.00 - \$ 399.99 is \$ 10.00

\$ 400.00 - \$ 699.99 is \$ 17.50

\$ 700.00 - \$ 1,099.99 is \$ 27.50

You also have several other pre-payment options: You may mail cash or a check made payable to the Newton Public Schools Food Service Office, 100 Walnut Street Newton, MA 02460. Also, for your convenience, you can send a pre-payment to your child's school. Please make sure your payment is placed into the food service lockbox located in the front office or directly outside of the kitchen.

September's menu will be in your child's welcome packet that you will receive on the first day of school. You can also find the menu on-line at www.newton.k12.ma.us/foodservices/index.html. Please note that **kindergarten students will begin meal service on Monday October 4, 2010.** Look for the October menu in your child's backpack during the last week in September. *Kindergarten parents will have an addition informational sheet with more specific information.*

This year's Free and Reduced Lunch Applications were mailed directly to each household in August. If you did not receive one, please call 617-559-9015. You can also find the application in English as well as several other languages on our web-site. www.newton.k12.ma.us/foodservices/index.html.

Each school year, we are required by law to obtain a new application for every household requesting benefits. This school year, a completed application will need to be sent to the Food Service Department no later than October 4, 2010. If we have not received a new application by that date, your child(ren) will be removed from the Free and Reduced Program until a new application is received and processed. The review and approval process takes approximately five business days. If your child is eligible for free or reduced school meals, your child may also be eligible for free or low cost health insurance through Mass Health. To learn more call: 1-800-841-2900.

Sincerely,

Rob Clickstein

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Please see the attached chart for additional information

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

September 2, 2010

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of Secondary School Students,

We would like to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year. We anticipate an exciting year and would like to take a moment of your time to provide you with information about our program. This year, we will be continuing to offer a variety of new recipes and menu options. As in past years, we will strive to offer a variety of healthy options such as whole grain, low fat and vegetarian choices which we hope will satisfy all tastes. For more information please visit our web-site at: <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/foodservices/>.

We are pleased to announce the price of breakfast and lunch has not changed.

- Lunch - full price \$3.25, reduced \$.40

If your child is new to their school this year, there will be a few challenges for them as they explore the cafeteria environment. To help acclimate, your child we have transferred their Newton Elementary School account balance directly into our state of the art computer system. We will also provide each student with a new ID card and pin number which can be used for purchasing lunch and snacks. To help speed up the lines we recommend parents use **UNIBANK** our on-line pre-payment system which you can access on our website at: <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/foodservices/>.

Payment options: Electronic check or credit card. There are no fees for using electronic checks. Fees for credit cards (Master Card, Discover or American Express) are:

\$0-\$99.99 - \$3.00

\$100-\$199.99 - \$6.00

\$200-\$399.99 - \$11.00

\$400-\$699.00 - \$16.00

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Newton Public Schools

Overview of School Lunch Program September 2010

High Schools

Last Year	Now
10-12 daily choices	5-7 daily choices
Salad bar, deli bar, snack bar	Snacks available
Breakfast, Ice Cream, Slush	Not available
Theme meals & Catering	Limited
Ed Center meals	Students only

Middle Schools

Last Year	Now
8-10 daily choices	5-7 daily choices
Salad bar (3 schools only) & snack bar	Snacks available
Breakfast, Ice Cream	Not available
Local Pizza Delivery	Frozen pizza

Elementary Schools

Last Year	Now
Daily choice of bagel lunch, breakfast lunch, fresh salad/sandwich or hot entree	Daily hot entrée
Online pre-order and pre-payment	Pre-payment only