

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am sending this letter home to make you aware of some of the new programs going on at Freeland Elementary/Middle School during lunch. First I want to make everyone aware that the district did get a new POS system at the end of the 13/14 school year. The new program has made the breakfast and lunch process much more efficient for our students! We are able to access all important information about your students dietary and financial needs the instant they are at the register! This is very important to us as we want to ensure your students safety.

One of the new things we will be doing is offering snacks, teas and a la carte items to grades 4-6 daily. The snack items are on average \$0.65 and teas average \$0.75-\$0.85. These items are an extra cost to everyone regardless of your students breakfast/lunch eligibility. The students are able to use their lunch account to purchase these items but it does require having a positive balance in the account. We do understand that there are parents that wish to not have their student purchase any "extras" so we ask that if you DO NOT want your student purchasing any extras please call or email the foodservice department with your student's Lunch account # and full name. Please understand that the cafeteria staff is not responsible for your students account. We will put a note on the student's account stating what they are permitted to get or not get. Please understand that this is a new program we are starting at Freeland and it may take some getting used to. Our main objective is ensuring your students receive a healthy, yet tasty breakfast and lunch and also have the chance to purchase a healthy snack.

A few tips:

***STUDENTS MUST HAVE MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE "EXTRAS"**

***IF A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT IS NEGATIVE AND THEY BRING MONEY IN, THE MONEY WILL BE APPLIED TO THE DEBT FIRST, IF THERE IS EXTRA MONEY ONCE ACCOUNT IS BROUGHT CURRENT THEY MAY THEN PURCHASE "EXTRAS"**

***YOU MUST CALL/EMAIL FOODSERVICE TO NOTE ON YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR THEM TO PURCHASE "EXTRAS"~IF YOU DO NOT MAKE NOTATION ON THE STUDENTS ACCOUNT THE CAFETERIA STAFF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR STUDENTS PURCHASES!**

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns! I look forward to a great school year!

Thank You!

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