

Bresnahan Elementary School
August, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to extend a warm welcome to let you know that **Chartwells School Dining Services** has exciting plans for your school meal programs. Our mission is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to our students and school community! We understand that although change is good, it is not without challenges - we will do our best to address any questions and concerns that may arise. Here is some general information that will be helpful to begin the new school year:

Meal Prices:

Lunches will cost \$2.75 in elementary schools (grades Pre K-3) and \$3.00 in upper elementary & secondary schools.

	Breakfast	Lunch
Paid	\$1.75	\$2.75-\$3.00
Reduced	\$.30	\$.40
Adult	\$2.75	\$3.75

Milk & Lactaid is available with all meals. All 8 oz. cartons are \$.60 if purchased separately.

Menus:

You may see gradual changes with the menu, choices, and food presentation at all schools. We will be working with administrators, students, and parents to gain insight on how we can enhance our services. **Menus are available on "nutrislice" newburyport.nutrislice.com**

Our interactive website and free smartphone app lets you access menus with nutrition information anywhere, anytime!

Elementary Meal Programs:

For the elementary students, we will be following an adventure of fun and nutrition education with the help of our Nutrition Ambassadors, Theodore Eat, Sydney Learn and Ava Live – our nutrition characters encourage students to eat healthy and be physically active! Students are offered a daily selection of two hot meals of the day, an alternative "Fun lunch"; (freshly made complete meal in a grab and go bag), or our featured daily sandwich or salad. In addition, selections from our cold vegetable and fruit bar are offered with all meals along with choice of milk. Healthy snacks are available for student's to purchase every Tuesday and Thursday, see menu for details. A special menu for students with dietary restrictions is available; please see your school nurse before contacting the food service department. **NEW: Later this fall we will be offering breakfast for all Bresnahan students, please look for details to follow.**

Lunch Payments:

Newburyport School District's Food Service Department provides parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance and set up low balance alerts through a web site called MySchoolBucks.com. Student food allergy information, obtained from the school nurse, will also be in the register system, signaling a warning on the cashiers screen for a review of the items on the student's tray. Payments can be made on-line at www.MySchoolBucks.com. When setting up a new account you will need your student's ID# which is available in the School District's Aspen Family Portal listed as the lasid #.

You may also make lunch payments by check made payable to Newburyport School Lunch. Please send check to your child's school on Mondays and include your child's full name on the check.

Every student is issued a 4 digit pin number to enter at the register when purchasing lunch. This number will remain the same throughout their school years and is also available, if needed, on the Aspen Family Portal.

Yearend school lunch balances are transferred to the following school year.

Other Information:

Applications for Free and Reduced lunch will be sent home with your child in September and should be returned to school as soon as possible for processing. Letters will then be sent home to confirm eligibility.

Note: School lunch applications must be renewed each school year.

To learn more about Chartwells please visit our website, www.eatlearnlive.com . Links for lunch payments, MySchoolbucks, and Nutrislice (menu /nutrition information), are also located on your school districts home page www.newburyport.k12.ma.us .

We 're excited about our partnership with the Newburyport School District and hope to provide a great program while becoming part of the community.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at pkealey@newburyport.k12.ma.us or 978-465-4460.

Sincerely,
Pamela Kealey
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