

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2019-2020 CAFETERIA NEWS & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

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. For more information, visit us on the Web at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/>

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. Students enter their Personalized Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. The PIN for students returning to the same school remains the same. New students receive their PIN on the first day of school. Any money left on a student's account last year is available for spending this year. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use **MySchoolBucks.com**, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal 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. See check acceptance policy below.

To request a refund or a balance transfer for a student no longer enrolled in MCPS, email [DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org](mailto:DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org).

### CHECK ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Checks used to pay for school meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student PIN 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.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Lunch Meal	\$2.55
Reduced-price Lunch Meal	\$0.30
Breakfast Meal	\$1.30
Reduced-price Breakfast Meal	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.60

### FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use a PIN number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Applications for meal benefits are sent home with all students in the information packet given out at the start of each school year. **For faster processing, households may apply online at MySchoolApps.com.** Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year. *If you apply online, please DO NOT submit a paper application.*

### FOODS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale are in compliance with JPG-RA. *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health.* Specific items vary at each school.

For specific 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.

### PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to the cafeteria and include the name of your school. Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and PIN 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 \_\_\_\_\_ PIN \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ PIN \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ PIN \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_