

## **OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Nutrition is of utmost importance**, especially at the school age stage of development, and is an important part of a child's education. A well-balanced meal, supervised by the local administration and the State Department of Public Instruction, is served daily, starting with the first day of school. Meals are planned to offer 1/3 of student's daily needs. Menus are sent home monthly with students, to give parents a chance to help plan when students would like to take hot lunch. Menu-backs provide important information on the nutrition program and nutrition, and meal prices. Menus are also available on our website, [www.oregon.k12.wi.us](http://www.oregon.k12.wi.us). Look under Business Services, Food Service, K-8.

**Food service** is "automated" (computerized) which means there are no paper tickets. This is a **pre-payment** system, funds should be deposited **before** students run out of money. Parents may call Carol at the Food Service Inquiry Line for account balances at 835-4031. You may also check your student's account balance on the web page. Checks for student meals may be mailed directly to the District Services Office, 200 N. Main Street, Oregon, WI 53575, ATTN: FOOD SERVICE, or may be dropped off at a central point at each school. **Please include full student name and school name on checks.** If checks are for more than one student, indicate how funds are to be split. Parents may write checks for deposit into student accounts any day of the week, for any amount. A laminated card will be issued to each student the first day of school in the classroom, and will be kept in the classroom. If a card is lost or if our computer cannot scan cards, a new card must be purchased. Replacement fee for a new card is \$5.00, and should be directed to the school office. Account Balance Letters are sent home with students weekly if money is owed in their account. They are sent home monthly otherwise. Please check your student's backpack for these. Students whose account **owes more than \$15.00 (FIFTEEN dollars) will be denied meal service** unless parent/guardian has developed a payment schedule with the Food Service Director.

**Meal prices are subject to change pending the annual meeting held at the end of July.** Due to the budget process and printing time-lines we are unable to provide meal price information in the handbook. Please check the menu for current prices. Weekly menus will also be published in the Oregon Observer. **Limited ala carte items are available at the elementary level. Extra entrees (\$1.25), extra slice of Pizza Hut Pizza (\$1.65) extra fruit (\$.50) and milk (\$.30) are the most popular items. Prices are subject to change.**

**Morning Milk** is offered to all students in grades K-4. The cost of this program is **\$0.30** per day. Most of our students prefer 1% chocolate milk for this, we will also have 2% white milk available. Each classroom has their own procedure for picking up the milk in the morning. If you have questions on this, please contact your child's teacher.

If you prefer that your child not take any ala Carte items, please contact the Food service Inquiry Line. Ala Carte items are any extra items taken for lunch, including extra entrees

and/or fruit. Students who do not have a positive balance in their meal account will not be allowed to purchase extra items.

Each morning teachers turn in a meal count to the school office. This count lets the kitchen know how many meals to prepare of each entree being offered for that day. It is very important that students let their teacher know what they are choosing for each day, as well as any "seconds" that they would like. Likewise, if parents wish to join their student for lunch, the kitchen needs to know what the parent choice is. Parents and other guests may either purchase a guest card at the school office for \$2.75 or may use their child's card.

Applications for free and reduced meals are in all student registration folders. Children are eligible based on financial needs. Please contact the Food Service Director if you have any questions. All applications should be turned in to the Food Service Director. Families **MUST** fill out a new application **every** year.