

Dear Village School Parents and Guardians



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. I invite you to review September's lunch menu online at www.mtsd.k12.nj.us. Simply select Village Elementary School from the main page and click on "Lunch Menu" to access the menu each month. To help your child know what is for lunch each day, it would be helpful if you could go over the menu the night before. This will help prevent unnecessary tears when children find they don't care for the day's hot lunch selection.

Please ensure that your child has the necessary funds in his/her account. You can check on this daily/weekly by calling the kitchen in the morning to find out the remaining balance or go to our new online site www.payforit.net. At the point that your child has five lunches remaining, the cashier will give your child a friendly reminder. Mrs. Armstrong, my assistant Director, will contact you by phone or email in order to remind you to make a deposit to your child's account. Lunch deposit forms are available on the school website. Children are permitted to buy only two hot lunches on credit. If by chance the funds do not get replenished at this point we will offer a Peanut Butter and Jelly Lunch Bag, or Fun Bagel Lunch Bag until the account is replenished. Students with peanut allergies will be offered a bagel as health alerts are in the computerized system and appear on the screen during check out. You will still be charged for these lunches. Lunch at the elementary schools will cost \$2.00 and milk will cost \$.50.

To help ensure that children with peanut allergy's are not in jeopardy of cross contamination only pre-made, pre packaged Uncrustables will be served in the kitchen. Our pizza on Fridays is made with a whole wheat crust, and our chicken nuggets and patties are all white meat. Our goal is to nourish our students. With this in mind, we will be rolling out our new Environments Menu adding more fresh fruits and vegetables.

Your child may choose one item from the main menu, i.e. hamburger, salad, Uncrustable or a premade deli sandwich or the hot alternate that will be featured each week. Children may choose a hot or cold vegetable, fresh or cupped fruit, and 1%white, fat free, strawberry or chocolate milk. A complete lunch comes with five components, meat/meat alternate, bread, vegetable, fruit and milk. Each child must select three of the five components in order for us to ring up a complete lunch and not ala carte items.

We will also be selling baked chips, low fat sherbet and fruit or veggie cups for snacks as time permits during the week. Children may purchase one snack a day. The snacks range in price from \$0.25 to \$1.00. Water is not a part of lunch and is offered as an ala carte item for \$1.00. The State of NJ set this rule stating that water has no nutritional value.

We hope this information will help you and your child have a happy, healthy lunch experience. To learn more about Chartwells, visit our website at www.eatlearnlive.com. We're excited about our long partnership with Montgomery Township Schools and hope to provide a great program while becoming part of the Montgomery community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 609-466-7602 ext. 6510/6511, or the Village Elementary School Kitchen 609-333-8575 please speak with Lisa.

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With our computerized debit card system you may choose to pay cash or deposit cash/checks into your child's account! Deposits can be made using our new online payment system starting September 1, 2011. Log onto www.payforit.net the screens will guide you through the process to establish your account. Deposits are made available the day the money is received by the staff.

Make checks/money orders payable to Montgomery Board of Education - Cafeteria Account. Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return with your deposit in an envelope marked "Lunch Program." Though it is preferred that students utilize the debit system, **cash will still be accepted at all registers**. Cashiers will verbally notify children when they have only five prepaid lunches remaining. You will also be contacted by phone or email. Students will be permitted to purchase up to two lunches on credit.

Please detach and return to the cafeteria with your deposit and child's ID # in a sealed envelope marked "LUNCH PROGRAM."

Student's Name: _____ ID# _____ Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Method of Payment: (check one) _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Money Order