Fort Plain Central School

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The School Food Services Department would like to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year.
You should have received a September menu with your child's first day paperwork. As always, extra copies are available in the main offices and can also be viewed and downloaded from our district website at www.fortplain.org

We will be utilizing the NutriKids Point of Sale meal service again this year. Each student in the district has a meal account. Students are issued a card with their number on it. The card can be swiped or the number can be inputted onto a keypad once the students have learned their number. Teachers of primary grades hold on to the meal cards and bring them to lunch with the class. If at any time during the year the meal card is lost or damaged, please contact us for a replacement.

You may put money onto your child's meal account any time that you wish. Money can be put on the account in any amount. To do so, simply send in cash or a check made payable to "Fort Plain Central School." Please make sure that the money is clearly labeled with your child's name, grade/teacher and the reason for sending money in. Money that is on a student account can be used to pay for breakfast, lunch or snacks such as ice cream. Parents/Guardians have the right to restrict the account from being used for snacks. If you would like your child's account to be used for meals only, or if you would like to restrict snacks to just one particular day a week, please send in a signed note with your request.

Once again this year, we are offering quarterly tickets for both breakfast and lunch. Quarterly tickets are designed for students who eat just about every meal at school but do not qualify for free lunch. Meals for a ten-week period are paid in advance at the start of the quarter. Parents can save up to $72 a year as the quarterly tickets are offered at a discounted price. Tickets for the first quarter can be purchased now and will last through November 6th. The cost is $40 for a breakfast quarter, $55 for a K-3 lunch quarter and $65 for a 4-12 lunch quarter. Along with the savings, a huge benefit of quarterly tickets is not having to send in money on a daily basis. Please note that a student can have a quarterly ticket for meals, and also have money on their account to use for ice cream or other snacks. The choice is up to you.

Parents/Guardians can request a printout of the all of the activity on their child's meal account at any time. Simply phone or email Mrs. Dahlin to request such a report.

It remains a Fort Plain Central School policy that no child will be denied a meal. As such, students are allowed to charge breakfast or lunch if they have forgotten their money. We ask that you do not take advantage of this policy, and make all attempts to keep your child's meal account up to date. Past due reminders are sent home at least twice a month. If you would like to receive a weekly notice of your child's account balance, call or email Mrs. Dahlin to have your name placed on the weekly mailing list.

Meal prices have not gone up this year. Breakfast remains at $1.00 for all grade levels. Lunch for students in grades K-3 is $1.50. Lunch for students in grades 4-12 is $1.75. Students who qualify for reduced meals pay just $.25 for breakfast and $.25 for lunch. **PLEASE NOTE that free/reduced lunch status from last year carries forward but only until September 30th! We must have a new free/reduced lunch application on file as of that date or your family's status will expire. New applications were sent in the mail. Please see either main office or the district office for another one.

We look forward to serving the students this year. Please stay in touch with us regarding any issues or concerns. We are happy to answer any questions. Thank you!

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