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Dear Parent(s),

Back to school is an exciting time for students and families, and as the beginning of the school year quickly approaches, we want to extend a warm welcome back to school and back to the café! Chartwells K12 and Coopersville Area Public Schools are eager to welcome you and your student back to the school café with new flavors, events, and food and wellness education that is surely to inspire a healthy and fun 2018-19 school year!

Free and Reduced Meal Applications:
A new application must be completed every year. If you do not submit a new form by October 9, 2018 your child will automatically be charged the full price. You will be responsible for the charges incurred because of the late submission. Only one application per family/household is needed. This information is highly confidential and treated with the utmost respect. Children qualifying receive identical school meals and go through the same serving lines as the paying students. Applications are available in every building office and can also be completed online at www.lunchapp.com; online is the most accurate and fastest way to complete this process, as there is less chance of lost or incomplete applications. Please Note****if at any time throughout the school year circumstances change within the household, please fill out a new free/reduced school meal application. You may be eligible for assistance. You will be notified of your benefits after your application is processed.

Food Allergies & Disabilities:
If your child has a food allergy or disability please contact Rachel Johnson to receive a medical statement that must be filled out by the child’s doctor including what the allergy/disability is and what the substitutions can be. This form needs to be filled out yearly to make sure our students are getting the proper meals. Also please check out our menus on NUTRISLICE for further information on food allergens.

Payment and Meal Accounts:
For your convenience, we accept payment online with debit or credit card. To do so you must visit www.coopersvillebroncos.org under the food service link, SENDMONEYTOSCHOOL TAB. In order to set your child/children up with an account you will need their name, birthdate, and student ID number. If your child does not know their ID number please contact the Food Service Director. After approval you will have instant access to your child/children’s account history, balances, and the ability to transfer money to family accounts, and pay for meals through a secure internet connection. You may also send cash or checks with your child to school. Please make sure the payment is identified for food service and child/children’s names are on the payment.

Charging Policy:
Elementary Level Students; Are allowed to charge meals, should they forget their lunch or lunch money, however, parents/guardians will receive notifications once the account is in a negative balance greater than -$3.00. Once an account is negative greater than -$10.00, the student will be placed on the “Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter Sandwich” list until the negative balance is paid in full.
Secondary Level Students; we do not allow students to charge meals or A la Carte items. However, we do understand that lunches or lunch money can be forgotten. We will allow the student a one-time charge for these types of situations. We understand that there are unforeseen circumstances from time to time, and we would be happy to work with you.
Students with a negative balance will not be allowed to participate in school field trips, dances, or extra circular activities without paying off their outstanding lunch balances in full first. In addition report cards will also be held until balance is paid in full. Students will not be allowed to purchase snack items until their account is paid off.

We do not allow food shaming in our district. If a student already has a school meal on their tray we will not take it away from them. The student’s account will be charged. The student will also be reminded that if not paid in full by the next meal period they will receive an alternate lunch. If a student is placed on the cheese or peanut butter list they will receive a full lunch including the sandwich, milk, fruit and vegetable.

New Menus and Café Spaces
Chartwells K12 chefs and dietitians have been hard at work testing and developing a fresh, new menu for the coming school year designed specifically for Coopersville students that include a wide variety of healthy and delicious options. These menus were created using student input from surveys, tastings and everyday conversations as well as local food trends, flavors and produce.

School Food Service Prices:
- Elementary Breakfast Full Pay: $1.45 Reduced Price: $.30 (per meal)
- Secondary Breakfast Full Pay: $1.70 Reduced Price: $.30 (per meal)
- Elementary Lunch Full Pay: $2.40 Reduced Price: $.40 (per meal)
- Secondary Lunch Full Pay: $2.70 Reduced Price: $.40 (per meal)
- Milk: $.50

Fresh Produce and Local Partners
Infusing fresh and local flavors into the school menu is a priority for our chefs, and we are proud to support local farmers and companies, bringing students the freshest possible produce while supporting the Coopersville Area local farmers. Local produce and products on the menu this year include: Apples, Peaches, Pears, Assorted Veggies, and any in-season produce from Gavin Orchards and Coastal Produce.

Mobile Menus are in Your Hands
Nutrislice brings the power of the school menu, nutrition and allergen information right to the palm of your hand! In addition to nutrition information, Nutrislice tells the café menu story with real photos taken by Chartwells chefs in schools, full menu descriptions as well as café event information, nutrition education and food stories helping students connect the foods they eat in the café to its origins and health benefits. Nutrislice is available online through smartphones the web! Download the free Nutrislice App from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for your menus or find them on the web: www.coopersvillebroncos.nutrislice.com. For more information please visit the district food service webpage.

Best Regards,
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