

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to extend a welcome to you on behalf of the School Nutrition Program staff at our school. We have a dedicated staff that works very hard every day to ensure that students are offered a nice variety of menu selections that are appealing, meet federal nutrition standards, and encourage our students to develop eating habits that will lead to a lifetime of healthy eating.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information:

- **Meal Prices: Breakfast is \$1.50 per day and lunch is \$2.25 per day** for students who pay full price. Students who qualify for reduced-price meals pay \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. Students who qualify for free meals are eligible to receive both a free breakfast and lunch.
- **Pre-payments:** Our program is self-supporting, and the financial health of our program depends on parents keeping accounts up to date. We encourage parents to prepay to ensure their child’s account always has funds to cover meals. Most commonly, parents prepay by the week, month, or for the entire year. Prepay amounts are listed below for breakfast (B), lunch (L), and both breakfast and lunch (B/L) for full-pay and reduced status:

ELEMENTARY	B/Full pay	B/Reduced	L/Full Pay	L/Reduced	B/L Full Pay	B/L Reduced
Cost Per Week	\$7.50	\$1.50	\$11.25	\$2.00	\$18.75	\$3.50
Cost Per Month	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$45.00	\$8.00	\$75.00	\$14.00
Cost Per Year	\$270.00	\$54.00	\$405.00	\$72.00	\$675.00	\$126.00

Please keep in mind that the above amounts cover just the cost of a meal. **if your child chooses to purchase extra items, this amount will not cover as many meals.**

Please use <http://mypaymentsplus.com> to make payment directly to your child’s account using the internet. It is free and you can use a credit card, or checking account as a payment method.

- **School Nutrition Program Website:** <http://www.gcpsk12.org/domain/13243>

Sending Pre-payments: When sending a pre-payment, please provide us with complete information to credit the account properly. If you send a check, write the child’s full name and account number in the memo area of the check. If you send cash, place the cash in a sealed envelope and write the child’s full name, account number, and amount of cash sent on the front of the envelope. If you have more than one child in our school and your payment is to be credited to more than one account, please include the above information for each student.

Free and Reduced-Price Meals: Free and reduced-price meal applications are available at registration and at any time during the school year. You may also apply online at the following website: <http://gwinnett.schoolunchapp.com>. The school system uses a family application for free and reduced-price meal benefits, so please be sure that all students in your household are listed on the application. Applications are processed at the Central Office. To check application status; go to the following Internet web site: <http://gwinnett.schoolunchstatus.com> Allow 10 processing days. To expedite application processing, it is very important that you provide all required information on the application. Federal regulations require that we verify the information on a sample of applications. If your application is selected for verification, you will be notified.

- **Special Needs:** We are happy to adjust the meals we serve for children who have special medical needs. To accommodate these children, we need a statement from the child’s doctor identifying the medical issue and explaining the adjustments that need to be made.
- Please consider joining your child for lunch in the cafeteria if your child’s school will allow you to. We feel that by having you experience the quality and variety of healthy choices that we offer, you will better appreciate the time-savings and value that school meals offer. We hope to see you soon in our cafeteria.

Sincerely,

School Nutrition Manager