

Pretty Water Parents,

Research has shown that students who start the day with breakfast have a higher success rate in the classroom. We have a significant number of children who do not eat breakfast each morning. To ensure that each child starts the day with a meal, this year the first bell will ring at 7:45 and students will be in class by 7:50. All students will then go to the cafeteria, as a class, on a 15-minute staggered schedule to eat breakfast. Students will not be forced to eat breakfast, but they will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of items or just drink a milk or juice if they desire. Classes not in the cafeteria will be engaged in classroom activities. Students will not miss any classroom instruction time with this change in schedule. Students may still arrive at school as early as 7:00 for free morning latchkey.

As another way to combat hunger, we are also applying to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program this school year. If our school application is approved, every student will receive another free meal in the afternoon. An example would be a sandwich, vegetable, fruit, and a drink. This meal would be eaten in the classroom just before students go home for the day. Our goal is to eliminate hunger as a potential learning barrier for our students and to give them the best opportunity for success.

Sincerely,

Jeff Taylor