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CAFETERIA NEWS

This fall, students from Oakdale Elementary, Oakdale Middle, and Oberlin Elementary will again be classified as Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools. This means that all students from these three schools will be allowed to eat free without completing a meal application. The selection of these schools in this program was based on criteria set by the federal government which included a high percentage of direct certified students. Students from all other schools in Allen Parish (non-CEP schools are ...Elizabeth, Fairview, Kinder Elementary, Kinder Middle, Kinder High, Oakdale High, Oberlin High and Reeves) will be required to turn in a **family application**. The status of the student from the non-CEP school will be determined by the processed application. If a household has some children enrolled at a CEP school (Oakdale Elementary, Oakdale Middle and Oberlin Elementary) and some children are enrolled at a non-CEP school (Elizabeth, Fairview, Kinder Elementary, Kinder Middle, Kinder High, Oakdale High, Oberlin High and Reeves) it is possible that the children in one household could be eating at different statuses. An application must be turned into the School Food Service Department for the child(ren) at the non-CEP school. This application would include everyone in the household (including children at the CEP school)! The child(ren) at the non-CEP school will eat at the status determined by the processed application and the children at the CEP school will continue to eat free.

If a child is transferred from a CEP school to a non-CEP school, an application must be submitted immediately. The student will be allowed to eat at the free status only 10 days. After 10 days this student will go to full paying if an application has not been received and processed by the School Food Service Department. If the transferred student has siblings at a non-CEP school that has already turned in an application, the transferred student will not have to fill in another application, if the transferred student was listed on the application. The transferred student will eat at the same status as their siblings.

This is the fourth year that Allen Parish School Food Service has participated in the CEP program. Please contact the cafeteria manager at your child's school (name and phone number appears behind the cover of this packet) or the School Food Service Department at 337-639-2816 if you have any questions regarding this information. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

School meals continue to be a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too! This year student meal prices will remain the same as last year and are as follows:

BREAKFAST PRICES:

Full Paying Students -	\$1.00
Reduced Paying Students -	\$.30

LUNCH PRICES:

Full Paying Students -	\$1.50
Reduced Paying Students	\$.40



On-line payments will be available again this year as an added convenience to you. On-line payments are not a mandatory service. If you choose to use this service you may access this option by visiting our cafeteria website at <http://www.allen.k12.la.us> or go to <https://www.MySchoolBucks.com>. Please refer to the back of this letter if you are interested in finding out more details about On-line payments.

ON-LINE APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!!!

If you wish to have your application processed quickly without having to worry about your child forgetting to turn it in, or losing it before it gets to school, go to <http://www.allenparish.heartlandapps.com> to fill in an On-line application. You now can submit the application from the website. No paper required. All of your information is secure. There are step by step instructions to assist you and the best part is.....**your application is processed by the next day!!!** That means less unnecessary charges, if you are approved for free/reduced meals. **Just make sure to keep the confirmation number provided after the application is processed.**



We look forward to welcoming your children to the cafeteria this fall and hope all of the changes in our program will make your children healthier and life a little easier for you. To find out more about Allen Parish healthy school meals go to <http://www.allen.k12.la.us>. Thank you!

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Online Meal Prepayment System Available Now!

We are pleased to offer an option to help make your life easier. MySchoolBucks.com is an on-line system that will allow you to add money to your student's school meal accounts using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

MySchoolBucks provides:

- **Security** – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards.
- **Convenience**- Make payments when it's convenient for you, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the web or through our mobile app for your smartphone!
- **Control**-
 1. Receive low balance email reminders (set your own limits!)
 2. Monitor your student's account balances online.
 3. View your student's cafeteria purchases.
- **Efficiency**- Make your payments for all your children in one easy step, even if they attend different schools in the district.
- **Flexibility**-
 1. Make payments using **credit/debit cards** or **electronic check**.
 2. Option to have payments made automatically each month.
 3. Deposit confirmations sent directly to your email account.

Money deposited into mySchoolBucks.com will usually arrive at the school by the next morning. You can set your low balance settings to remind you when it's time to add more money, but don't set it too low.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY! Simply go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register using the “Sign Up Today” link on the left side of the page. A confirmation email will be sent to the address you provide....simply follow the link included in that email and your registration will be complete. Once you log in, you can add as many students as you'd like by entering each student's school, their name and date of birth.

MySchoolBucks.com allows you to **check balances, review transaction history**, and receive **low balance alerts** from the comfort of your home for **no charge**. A processing fee of \$2.49 will only be charged to the parent when money is placed into their child(ren)'s account. **The \$2.49 fee does not benefit the Allen Parish School Food Service Department in any way.** Please note that the \$2.49 fee will be charged each time you make a payment yet, you may make payments in each of your children's accounts while in the system without an additional fee. **For example**, if a parent wishes to pay \$25.00 in each of their three children's accounts, the parent would only be charged \$2.49. But if a parent went into the system three separate times during the month to place money into each child's account the parent would be charged \$2.49 each time they went into the system for a total of \$7.47. You will have the opportunity to review the fees (and cancel, if you choose) before you are charged. If you have any questions, you can email support@myschoolbucks.com –OR- call (855)832-5226 –OR- visit MySchoolBucks.com and click 'Help'.

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