



Dear Holly Area School Elementary Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Holly Area Schools and our food services program. At Holly, we strive to provide a delicious, nutritional and balanced meal for each of your children; one they will enjoy and want to eat as well. HAS, in partnership with Chartwells, closely monitors the changing guidelines set by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. All breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks meet or exceed the dietary requirements set by the USDA, National School Lunch Program and CACFP Dinner program. All meals offer whole grains and include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables daily. All lunches include fat free milk and a trip to our fresh fruit and vegetable bar. We load this bar up with fruits, vegetables and different side salads daily.

Holly Area Schools has established a quick and convenient debit card system to streamline the breakfast and lunch purchasing process. As your student enters the lunch line he or she will have a card with his or her name and picture on it. This card will access the child's account, which can have money deposited by parents and or guardians at any time. No money need ever exchange hands at time of purchase. Deposits can be made at any register, at any building or on-line through e-Funds for Schools via check or credit card. It's fast and easy!

Aside from the speed and convenience of our systems it also avoids "overt identification" of students meal status. With this system, that information is embedded in the bar code on the student's id card. The only person who sees the information is the food service worker operating the cash register. The food service office has the ability to add notes to a child's food service account. These notes can include limits on purchases or indicate a child has a food allergy or sensitivity. All food allergies must be received in writing annually (forms are available on the District website) in order for any food substitutions to be made. The form must be signed by your child(s) Doctor and indicate what foods/beverages should be omitted and what should be provided in its place.

Parents can also access their children's food service account to monitor and/or view the foods and choices their children are making via the Skyward system. Our digital menus may be accessed through the HAS website under the Food Services Department tab, on the web, using mobile devices (phones, tablets, computers) and Alexa-enabled devices. There is also a traditional PDF menu that can be printed out and put on the fridge. Menus will be published monthly via the Nutrislice program. This program provides not only menus, but full color photos, nutritional information, the ability to separate out allergen information. The food services website also provides Free and Reduced applications, information on special promotions and programs, as well as links to nutrition information for families.

If at anytime you should have questions in regard to your child/children's food service account(s), daily meals or any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Warm Regards,

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