

A Note From The Lunch Room

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Kristine Wallace and I am the Lunch Director here at Petersham Center School.

Attached you will find the August/September 2018 lunch menu and lunch tickets. I would like to walk you through the steps of filling out and returning the tickets so that it will make it easier for the students, teachers and I to best serve the kiddos.

Filling out tickets:

- Please make sure that your child has their lunch ticket filled out, (even if they take their own lunch to school everyday) and handed in to the appropriate place in their classroom on Mondays.
- If you would like to fill out the whole month ahead of time and hand in, even better!
- We ask that their hot lunch ticket comes to school filled out and ready to hand to the teacher. If a child has to fill out a lunch ticket in the classroom this takes away from their learning time and disrupts the class.
- Make sure the tickets are every ticket is listed with your child's name, grade and the starting date of that lunch week.
- Please circle only 1 choice per day. Ex: If your child would like a hot lunch, just circle that choice. Milk is included in all hot and alt lunches. If your child is bringing a home lunch to school and would like to purchase a milk to drink with their lunch, circle only the milk option. If your child is lunch from home only, please just circle the cold option.

Paying for lunches:

- It is expected that your child's lunches be paid for when their lunch ticket is handed in. Cash is accepted while checks are preferred. If you would like to pay monthly, that is also welcome. The cost per lunch is \$2.75.
- We are a small school and have to make deposits weekly to maintain our orders. Accounts with a past due balance will warrant a call from our principal to set up any payment arrangements.
- Please utilize the Free and Reduced forms that are sent home the first week, you may qualify!
- If your child was free or reduced at the end of school year 2018, they will automatically remain that for the first 30 days of the 2018-19 school year. You will receive a notice in that time frame if they will remain or change after the 30 days.

Breakfast:

- P.C.S. serves a healthy breakfast every morning. Options to choose from are many cereals, oatmeal, muffins, fruits, juices, milks, yogurts.
- Watch the calendar for the special hot breakfast served every Wednesday.
- If your child is a busser they will be let off to eat breakfast when the bus arrives. If they are a drop off, please make sure they come down at 8:00 a.m. to ensure they have enough time to eat and get to class.
- Breakfast is \$1.75 full price .40 for reduced and free for those who apply.
- Please send money or check in for breakfast in a separate envelope labeled breakfast with their name.

Snack:

- Every day, your child may come down to purchase a healthy snack if they wish. If they come home and tell you that they had a chocolate cupcake, Doritos/chips or cookies....it's not as bad as it sounds. All products served are made with whole grain and less sugar, etc. to meet the Department of Educations food standards. Fruit is served at snack time as well.
- We serve a huge variety of snacks and drinks ranging from .25 to .50 each.
- Your child is responsible for paying for their snack with the money you provide for them. They will be assisted in learning how to calculate the cost of their items and make change.

ALLERGIES:

- Please make sure to contact Mrs. Warburton, the school nurse with any food allergies your child may have. I keep a list for myself in the lunchroom to make absolutely sure your child is as safe as possible.
- Petersham Center School is a NUT AWARE school. This means only nut free items should be sent in for K,1 and 2 snack and lunch.
- However, in grades 3 thru 6, the are able to bring in items containing nuts, but they will need to wash their face and hands after their snack and meal. All students are aware that any surface be cleaned to avoid cross contamination.

If you have any questions or concerns about the lunch program, please do not hesitate to call : 978-724-3363 ext 125 or email : mrswallace@petershamcenterschool.org

Thank you!

Kristine Wallace