



WELCOME BACK PETERSHAM CENTER SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Hello and welcome back to what is sure to be another great school year for those students and families at P.C.S. My name is Kristine Wallace and I am the Director of Food Services.

First off I want to thank you for being so patient. It is definitely a different start to our school year for sure, and I want to apologize for not getting more information out to you sooner. As you may realize, guidance is changing all the time and I wanted to make sure to contact you when I have the best and most accurate information. On August 31st, 2020 the USDA announced that states may apply for a free school meal waiver. On September 10th, 2020 The Massachusetts DESE Food and Nutrition Program has provided guidance to all schools regarding the meal waiver. **A policy in which ALL students are able to receive FREE breakfast and lunches until December 31st, 2020.(date may be subject to change).**

This means: Any child enrolled in Petersham Center School may receive FREE BREAKFAST & FREE LUNCH DAILY. This also means that any household sibling of a child 0-18 that may not attend our school may also receive free breakfast and lunch daily as well. With this being said, If your children's OLDER siblings attend other schools, they may get their lunches there. This is to ensure that all school cafeterias can handle the amount of food and students being served at each school. If the student has any YOUNGER siblings, they may be added to the student that attends P.C.S. Please let us know if your older children are not receiving free lunches at their School and we will make accommodations to help with this.

Meal Distribution Information

Cohort A: Students will be sent home each Tuesday with breakfasts and lunches for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **This will start on Tuesday September 22, 2020.**

Cohort B: Students will be sent home each Friday with breakfasts and lunches for the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **This will start on Friday September 18, 2020.**

Full Remote: Parents will need to pick up your 5 days worth of breakfasts and lunches each Monday morning at the PCS back lot between 10:00am-11:00am. Drive thru with (trunk preferably) open **This will start on Monday September 21, 2020.**

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If you choose **NOT TO** participate in the free meal program please fill out and return this page to the school no later than Friday September 18, 2020. If no response is received your child will be sent home with meals.

Child's Name _____

If there are other siblings in the household that would like to receive free meals please email kris.wallace@petershamcenterschool.org or call Kris @978-724-3363 ext #125.

I am sending home a calendar to show what is offered the days your Child is in school to eat, as well as what will be sent home for the week with them.

On the days your child is here and they want to get FREE breakfast or lunch, please have them inform their teacher or send an email/note. They will be able to come to the cafeteria every day they are here for FREE breakfast after they arrive, check in with their teacher and put away their backpacks. On their last Cohort day, they will be sent home with their bags for the remainder of the school week, either on their bus or pick up. **This is unless you send me back the signed paper by September 18th saying they would not like to receive it.**