

**Nutrition News** is published by Douglas County School District's Nutrition Services.

#### Our Mission

Nutrition Services is operated as an enterprise fund separate from the general fund. Operating expenses are paid through federal funds and revenue collected from the sale of food. This means that district property tax money ends up in the classroom where it belongs. Our mission is to serve our students nutritious meals promoting healthy food choices of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grains, and lean protein.

#### Contact Us:

Central Office  
303-387-0320  
Free and Reduced Applications  
303-387-0338  
Special Diets  
303-387-0394

#### Returned Check Policy

Beginning June 1, a \$20 fee will automatically be deducted from your checking account when your check is returned as a result of non-sufficient funds (NSF).

#### Meal Prices to Increase

##### Beginning July 1

Improving the quality of school meals is a top priority of Nutrition Services. Offering fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grain breads, and made-from-scratch meals has increased the costs of producing school meals.

##### New meal prices are effective July 1:

- ❖ Elementary lunch \$2.50
- ❖ Secondary lunch \$2.75
- ❖ Elementary breakfast \$1.50
- ❖ Secondary breakfast \$1.75
- ❖ Adult lunch w/o milk \$3.00
- ❖ Adult lunch w/milk \$3.35

## Nutrition News: Hello Summer Edition!

*Greetings to All Parents and Students!*

As summer approaches, stay up to date on the next school year

**NEW!** Improved Online Payments! Nutrition Services has replaced its Online Payment website. Please go to [www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com](http://www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com).

Benefits to you are:

- ✓ Zero cost to use
- ✓ Auto refill available - Coming Soon!
- ✓ Payment by eCheck available
- ✓ Auto notify on low balance

It takes just a few minutes to set up your account in the new website. For help, please call Barb at 303.387.0344 or email to [helpmepav@dcsdk12.org](mailto:helpmepav@dcsdk12.org).

**NOTE:** Your balance from the old website will transfer automatically to the new one.



#### The "Greening" of Nutrition Services

##### *Paperless Menu Starts June 1*

Beginning June 1, parents and students will have one less piece of paper to sort out in the weekly folder. Nutrition Services continues to reduce its carbon footprint with a Paperless Menu. Just visit the District Website at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org) and look for "Lunch Menus" on the left side about halfway down the page. Click on that link and you will be on the Lunch Menu web page.



#### Policy on Charging Meals

##### *Begins July 1*

Nutrition Services takes seriously the responsibility to remain fiscally healthy so the parents and students of DCSD can depend on having nutritious meals every school day. To do so, we ask parents to follow our policy on charging meals.

For elementary students, only two charged meals are allowed. After this, if the student's lunch is not paid for, the student will be provided a meal of fruits, vegetables, and milk. At this point, families will receive a note as a reminder to place more funds into the student's lunch account. Students will be provided the alternate lunch three times.

**NOTE:** If the student does not have funds in the lunch account after three alternate lunches, then the student will not be allowed to eat the lunch provided by the cafeteria. The parent may send lunch with the student. Elementary students are not allowed to charge ala carte food items if the lunch account does not have enough funds to cover the cost of the item. Secondary students are not allowed to charge meals or ala carte food items.

Parents can check lunch balances at [www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com](http://www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com).