



## NORTH NEWTON ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA



August 2024

Dear North Newton School Corporation Parents/ Guardian ,

The Kitchen staff and I would like to take a minute and tell you about our lunch program. Here at our corporation we use a state program called, "Offer Versus Serve." This means your student will be offered 5 components at lunch...Meat/Meat alternative, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Milk. Some foods such as chef salad, pizza, nachos, cheeseburger are counted as more than one item. The student then will be allowed to pick which ones he/she would like. They may take all offered or a minimum of 3 components on their tray, **ONE** of the components must be either a fruit or vegetable. This program is used to reduce waste. While the most nutritious lunch contains **ALL** of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. We like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat. This year we'll be bringing back the 2nd choice for lunch. Please see the August menu for their choices.

This year our a la cart options will be growing. Students may come up for an extra single entrée, vegetable, fruit, extra lunch and many more a la carte options, but please be advised, these items will be priced individually and do not follow the lunch assistance program Free/Reduced. The student's in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will only be allowed extra milk and water. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> will be allowed to purchase any or all of the a la cart items listed. If you as a parent or guardian do not want your child to purchase an a la cart item, please sign and return the attached form. It will be the responsibility of the parent to make sure the student understands when and what he/she may purchase using their lunch account. Students will be advised to finish their lunch before purchasing any item, but will not be guaranteed that this is actually done. **All a la carte items including extra milk and water will NOT be permitted to be purchased with a negative balance.** So, we strongly encourage you to have a sufficient amount of money in your child's lunch account.

Ways to pay...

- Send cash or check to school in an envelope with the student and Parent/Guardian making the payments. Please put your full name printed on the envelope.
- Debit/ credit card through School Pay/Remember you must use firefox to access School Pay.
- Parents dropping money off in the school office.

A la carte prices

- Milk \$.50
- 8 oz water bottle \$1.00
- Extra Entrée \$3.00
- Cereal \$1.00
- Vegetable \$1.00
- Fruit \$1.00
- Juicy juice \$.75
- Chips \$1.50
- Cookie \$1.25
- Rice Krispy \$1.50
- Fruit snacks \$.50 (*Just to name a few*)

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your school's kitchen manager or myself. We would be glad to explain anything further.

Sincerely,

*Elena Micula*

Food Service Director  
North Newton School Corporation

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I \_\_\_\_\_, do not give my student permission to purchase

Parent/ Guardian signature

any a la carte items.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students name

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Please return to the office.

**This Instruction is an Equal Opportunity Provider**

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