

Marple Newtown School District
Food Service

September 1, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to school year 2009-2010!

Enclosed is your application for the National School Lunch Program. Please complete the enclosed forms and return them to school, no later than September 15, 2009. You may also mail it directly to the Marple Newtown School District, Food Service Department, Suite 207, 38 Media Line Road, Newtown Square, Pa 19073.

Applications will be processed in the order we receive them. You will receive written notification of your child/children's meal eligibility. A new application MUST be completed each year for each household. After September 20, if you have not completed the application, it is your responsibility to ensure your child has 1) meal money or 2) a bagged meal from home. If possible, please take advantage of this great program. If you are not sure you qualify, please contact my office direct at 610.359.4275.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the NSLP and reimburses participating schools' food service departments for all the meals served to students. To receive reimbursement, the schools must serve lunches that meet minimum nutritional guidelines. These nutritional guidelines include providing one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of protein, calcium, iron, and vitamins A and C. We are pleased to serve healthy meals to our students. Please review the menu with your child (ren) and talk about healthy choices.

Again, this year, Food Service will offer our "Celebrations" Party Packages. Our "Celebrations" Party Packages offer a variety of items for your child's special celebration, whether a birthday, class party, or special treat. Order forms are available on-line under Food Services or you may contact us directly at 610.359.4275.

Finally, your household number will appear on your approval/denial letter. Please refer to this number when contacting the Marple Newtown School District Food Services. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact me at 610-359-4275.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Bellew

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