

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I'd like to familiarize you with our lunch program. Laurel Springs is a closed lunch program. This means that all students in grades kindergarten through six will remain at school for lunch. Lunch is available for purchase, or the students may bring a packed lunch. The closed lunch program is a school rule and is supported by Board policy because it provides greater safety for our students. There will be no exceptions.

An order form will be sent home with all students. Lunches can be ordered for the week or the month. **Laurel Springs School does not have a kitchen.** Lunches are prepared and sent daily from NutriServe. Since we must order our lunch and breakfast for the following week on Thursday morning, **lunch and breakfast orders and the payment must be received by Wednesday each week** to ensure that lunches are ordered in time for the following week. Checks payable to Laurel Springs School or exact change is required. We cannot extend credit.

The breakfast program begins at the 8:00 - 8:30 in the Cafeteria, for those students who have pre-ordered breakfast. Please drop off students at the side cafeteria door or front door. It is important for your child to arrive on time for breakfast to ensure they have enough time to eat.

Purchased lunches will be available starting on Tuesday, September 12th. The cost of the complete lunch which includes milk will be **\$3.20**. Breakfast including milk is **\$2.00**. The cost of white, strawberry or chocolate milk when purchased alone is **60 cents (.60)**.

Each year we offer a free and reduced price lunch program. If you wish to apply complete the application by September 22, and return to school. If your child was in the program last year you may still receive benefits for the first month of school, but you must submit an updated 2023-24 application in order to continue through the remainder of the year. Direct certification letters have been mailed to those who qualify. If you received a direct certification you do not need to submit an application. I can be reached at 783-1086 x114 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Sharon Isard
Lunch Coordinator