

Dear Elementary Families,

The Food Service Team and I hope you had an enjoyable and restorative summer! The District and Chartwells are so excited to welcome students back to school and back to the cafes for the 2023-2024 school year! We are thrilled to be able to offer a full lunch program, which will include a variety of delicious and nutritious food choices. We have worked together to develop a variety of healthy and appetizing meals for our students. Additionally, we plan to host interactive educational events such as Discovery Kitchen and Farm to Table.

Here are some of the [menu](#) items to look for this year:

- Hot entrees (i.e. “Breakfast for Lunch”, “Pizza Friday” “Pasta Tuesday”, etc)
- New cold lunch options and child-friendly salad recipes
- Additional whole grain, vegetarian, plant based, and dairy free options
- Some a la carte items such as bottled water and snack items
- Snacks and desserts are available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Sushi (California rolls and Cucumber Avocado Rolls) once a month

As always, the District and Chartwells will continue to maintain, or exceed, the highest possible standards. Our program will continue to incorporate the following:

- Organic produce (when available)
- Locally grown items (when available)
- Low-fat whole muscle proteins
- Locally-sourced whole grain breads
- Scratch made options such as hummus, desserts, hot entree items (when offered), dressings
- Full line of Boar’s Head deli meats
- Healthier snack options including gluten-free options, allergy friendly foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, and foods void of high fructose corn syrup.
- In an effort to maintain the sustainability efforts put forth by the District, we also use predominantly compostable paper products.

Please note menu items are based on availability and may be subject to change based on the above circumstances. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Ordering:

To place your online order, log into your [Nutrislice](#) account. Please keep in mind that there is a **two day pre-order cutoff** for **Edgewood Elementary, Fox Meadow Elementary, and Heathcote Elementary**. The cutoff for **Greenacres Elementary and Quaker Ridge School** is **11:45 pm the day prior to lunch service**.

The cost for any meal is \$6.00 per day, which is slightly higher than last year, due to the continued rising costs of compostable paper products, food and labor. Every meal option is served with the fresh

vegetable of the day and a fruit option. Bottled water is available daily for purchase. Milk is not currently available; however, information regarding reinstatement of the milk program will follow in a separate communication. For your convenience, the **Elementary School menus are available for viewing and ordering on [Nutrislice](#)**. Please be sure that your [MySchoolbucks](#) account has adequate funds prior to placing orders to avoid rejected orders.

Most are familiar with MySchoolBucks, the online prepayment program, and Nutrislice, the online ordering system. For those who are new to the District, these two systems work in conjunction with one another. If you have not already done so, you will need to create an account with both MySchoolBucks and Nutrislice in order to establish and fund a lunch account. Please note you will need your child's Student Number which is automatically assigned by the district and available on the [Campus Parent Portal](#). On the Portal, click "Today". If you have more than one child, click the student's name in the top right corner to switch between children.

Payment Options:

MySchoolBucks provides parents the ability to securely pay for meals, monitor student cafeteria purchases, take advantage of the auto replenish feature and receive email notifications for low account balances. To enroll please follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.myschoolbucks.com or download the [MySchoolBucks Mobile App](#) and register for your free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and Student Number.
3. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or eCheck.

A convenience fee of \$2.75 will apply for each transaction. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged. Please note the maximum amount per transaction to be deposited is \$170.00.

If you have any questions, please visit www.myschoolbucks.com and click Help or call MySchoolBucks Customer Support at **1-855-832-5226**.

Of course, if you prefer, **you may send a check made payable to Scarsdale UFSD Cafeteria Account**. Kindly mail the check to Scarsdale UFSD, 2 Brewster Road, Scarsdale, NY, 10583 - Attention: Tara Cook / Cafeteria Lunch Program. **In the memo section of your check, please print the child's first and last name legibly, and provide the student ID number.**

For new account setup please click the following link for step by step instructions: [New Account Setup](#)

Allergies/Medical Conditions:

If a student requires a menu modification or you would like to discuss any possible solution to a student's menu needs, please communicate your needs with the Director of Dining Services, Tara Cook, at cook@scarsdaleschools.org or our Resident Dietitian, Nicole Leote at nleote@scarsdaleschools.org.

Please note the Food Service [page](#) is available on the District's main website. It appears under the "Parents" tab and under the "Site Shortcuts" section of the main district website. This page will provide information and updates for all the schools in the district. We look forward to providing your child(ren) nutritious and appetizing meals as part of their overall experience in the Scarsdale schools.

Warmest Regards,

Tara Cook
Director of Dining Services
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