

Dear Elementary Families,

Welcome back! The Food Service Team and I hope you had a great summer! The District and Chartwells are so excited for the start of the 2024-2025 school year! We are thrilled 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. We also plan to continue to host fun, interactive and educational events such as Discovery Kitchen and Farm to Table throughout the year.

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

- New hot and cold child friendly entrees such as Sunbutter Bento Box, Egg & Cheese Omelette, BBQ Riblet Sandwich and Chicken Curry, as well as student favorites, such as Chicken Nuggets and Pizza
- Additional whole grain, vegetarian, and dairy free options
- Some a la carte items such as bottled water and school approved smart snacks
- Snacks are available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Sushi (California rolls and Cucumber Avocado Rolls) is offered 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
- Healthier snack options including 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 are subject to change. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Nutrislice Ordering:**

To place your online order, log into your [Nutrislice](#) account. The pre-order cutoff schedule is as follows:

**Edgewood Elementary - 2 day pre-order cutoff**  
**Fox Meadow Elementary - 2 day pre-order cutoff**  
**Heathcote Elementary - 2 day pre-order cutoff**  
**Greenacres Elementary - 11:45 pm the day prior to lunch service**  
**Quaker Ridge School - 11:45 pm the day prior to lunch service**

In prior years, two separate systems (MySchoolbucks for funding and Nutrislice for ordering) were required to place online orders. I'm pleased to announce that a new credit/debit card payment option has been implemented on Nutrislice simplifying the ordering process.

Please follow the step by step process below:

- [Create](#) or log into [Nutrislice](#)
- Click on you location
- Click on Elementary Pre-Order Lunch to access the monthly menu
- Begin adding your daily entree and snack options to your cart
- Click on the bag in the upper right hand corner to begin checkout
- Click checkout to add/save credit card information
- Click submit order

The cost for any meal is **\$6.25** 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, we will revisit this in the near future.

For your convenience, the **Elementary School menus are available for viewing and ordering on [Nutrislice](#).**

As part of the implementation process, it was determined that the bank fees associated with credit card transactions (approximately 4%) would need to be addressed. Nutrislice was unable to include a percentage fee option, therefore a fixed fee of \$3.25 was added to each transaction. This amount matched the fee charged by MySchoolBucks and roughly matched the estimated cost of fees for a typical multi-week pre-order for our elementary families; however **we will be waiving this convenience fee in Nutrislice for the months of September and October** as we gather information on the impact of credit card fees on our program and determine the appropriate approach to address them going forward.

**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 [tcook@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:tcook@scarsdaleschools.org) or our Resident Dietitian, Nicole Leote McIntyre at [nleote@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:nleote@scarsdaleschools.org).

For your convenience, 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. Best wishes for a happy and successful school year.

Warmest Regards,

***Tara Cook***

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