

# Nutrition Notes

## Nutrition Services Department



*Palo Verde Unified School Dist*

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### ATTENTION! ATTENTION! CALLING ALL PARENTS!!

The Nutrition Services Department will be starting the 2014/15 school year with a cashless line during lunch. Benefits of a cashless line:

- Quicker lines—more time for eating
- No more lost or forgotten lunch money

We would like to start implementing this concept over the next few months, we will accept cash now through spring break, after spring break fully implementing a cashless line at lunch. In school year 2014/15 accounts must be paid in advance by using one of these methods:

- Drop a payment off to the school office in a sealed envelope with student's name, grade and lunch number
- Pay in the cafeteria prior to 10 a.m.
- Pay online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) or use the myschoolbucks mobile app

**\*\* ALL STUDENT ACCOUNTS MUST HAVE A POSITIVE BALANCE FOR A LA CARTE CHARGES \*\***



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You will need your student's 7 digit student ID number to set up an account on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). My school bucks is also now available as a mobile app. For assistance call the Nutrition Department at (760) 922-4164 ext. 1222.

Starting in February, for every 15 meals paid ahead receive 1 free meal. All outstanding meal charges must first be paid, then for every 15 meals receive 1 free meal. **Only for meals paid on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**

## Meals during School Breaks

The Nutrition Services Department will be offering meals during *some* of the upcoming school breaks. On **March 3**, during spring break **March 17-21** and **April 21**, the Nutrition Services Department will serve lunch from 12-1 at Ruth Brown Elementary School. **All children** under the age of 18 can eat for **FREE**. No need to qualify, just come down and have lunch.

### Does your child have a Food Allergy?

Almost 5 million school-age children in this country suffer from food allergies. These children must watch every single bite they eat or risk suffering a potentially life-threatening reaction known as anaphylaxis. Each year, food allergies claim over 200 lives and are responsible for over 30,000 emergency room visits.

**Parents: We need your HELP. Please help us stay current with our records. If your child has a documented allergy, please contact our office to make sure we have the correct information.**

### Sack Lunches - Alternate Meals

Students with negative balances over \$10.00 (elementary) and \$ 12.50 (secondary) will be served an "alternate meal." District Policy requires that the Nutrition Services Department limits the negative balances to these amounts.

Please repay negative balances and pre-pay for future meals. If you have any questions on your student's account, contact Nutrition Services at 922-4164 ext. 1222. Students can always pay cash to receive a regular meal.



### Meal applications are available

During these difficult economic times, we want to remind families that free and reduced price meal applications may be submitted at anytime during the school year. Applications are available from school offices, the District's website at [www.pvUSD.us](http://www.pvUSD.us) under the Nutrition Services tab, or by contacting Nutrition Services at (760) 922-4164 ext. 1222.

This program exists to help families provide school meals for their students, but the application is also used to determine how much funding our schools receive for supplies and other educational resources.

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