

WELCOME TO BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LUNCH PROGRAM

Welcome Parents & Students:

Benton Community Schools currently uses the Total K-12 computerized lunch program.

Each family will have an account from which all students in that family will use funds. Money can be deposited into the account at ANY center for any amount. Deposits received after 10:00 a.m. will go on the account the next day. We ask that you give deposits 24 hours to show up in accounts. Each student will have their own individual account number that will follow them from school to school and enable parents to see activity on each student. All meal and a la carte purchases are to be prepaid.

The system allows you as parents to access your account on line and review the history of the account for the last 30 days. You can sign up to receive e-mail notifications through your computer or cell phone when your child's account starts to run low and to make on-line deposits into your lunch account. You can also communicate or ask questions directly from the parental portal via the web. Password information is available at the time of registration or through the food service department. More information is available on the Food Service Web Page which can be accessed through the Benton Community Schools Home Page - www.benton.k12.ia.us

At the elementary level parents will be notified when their balance reaches the low balance status. The low balance status is based on the number of children on the account. If you have one student it begins at \$5.00, 2 students \$10.00, 3 students- \$15.00 and so on. (You may also set custom limits for your family from the web.) Low balance notices will be sent home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Once an account goes below (-\$10.00), students will not be allowed participation in the program until the account is made current. Parents will be contacted by telephone, email, or in writing.

At the MS/HS level the parents are responsible for keeping the lunch account current. The student can see his/her balance on the computer or can ask the cashier for a balance. Reminder notices are at each cashier station. MS/HS students will not be able to purchase a la carte items at EITHER breakfast or lunch if their account is below zero (this does NOT include extra milk or lunch main dishes). If the account goes below (-\$10.00) the student(s) will need to bring a sack lunch from home. Parents will be contacted by telephone, email or in writing.

At the MS/HS level the card will be a Lunch/Activity Pass Card. If an Activity Pass is purchased it will be indicated on the card. Students MUST have their card or they will have to wait until the end of the lunch line. This helps us get all students through the lunch line as quickly as possible. There will be ABSOLUTELY no borrowing of tickets. There will be no a la carte purchases allowed at either Breakfast or Lunch without a ticket, and any a la carte will be purchased through the lunch account. (OVER)

You may set limits on the amount of money allowed for extra food or put blocks on when you access your account on-line.

Elementary students at all centers will receive lunch cards that will remain in their classrooms. If an elementary Activity Pass is purchased it will be printed after registration and given to the parent or to the building secretary for Open House. If you do not attend, it will be sent home with the student or mailed. Any breakfast, extra milk, or additional food purchased at the elementary level will come out of the lunch account, so please take this into consideration when depositing funds. Menus are available on-line on the Benton Home page at www.benton.k12.ia.us.

Full breakfast is served at all centers. Breakfast purchases will also come out of the account. Breakfast is not served on late start days except at the MS/HS.

All negative balances are to be paid prior to the end of the school year. If money is left in the account, it will carry over to the next school year. If a family is leaving the district, they will need to provide Food Service with a forwarding address and any remaining balances will be refunded.

Students who qualify for free meals shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases. Students with outstanding meal charge debt will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

If there are problems with the account, payment arrangements can always be made by contacting the Food Service Director. Any other questions regarding the breakfast/ lunch program should be directed to **Donna Ludwik** (Food Service Administrative Assistant) at 228-8701 X118 (dludwik@benton.k12.ia.us) or **Jane Svestka** (Food Service Director) at 228-8701 X119 (jsvestka@benton.k12.ia.us).

SCHOOL LUNCH COSTS (INCLUDES MILK)*

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| K-8 | \$2.75/DAILY | \$55.00/MONTHLY |
| 9-12 | \$2.95/DAILY | \$59.00/MONTHLY |
| ADULT | \$3.75/DAILY | \$75.00/MONTHLY |
| SECOND LUNCH | \$3.50/DAILY | |

BREAKFAST COSTS*

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| K-6 | 1.75/DAILY | \$35.00/MONTHLY |
| 7-12 | 1.95/DAILY | \$39.00/MONTHLY |
| ADULT | 2.50/DAILY | \$50.00/MONTHLY |

AFTERNOON MILK (EXTRA)*

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| K-3 | \$8.00/MONTHLY – CARTONS |
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*Prices are in effect for the 2019/2020 school year.

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