LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Information for Parents 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

HIRING FOOD SERVICE WORKER POSITIONS: Would you like a job that allows you to work only on the days when your child is in school? We currently have four, five and six hour positions available. Starting pay is \$12.51 per hour. Apply at lps.org.

A NEW FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION IS REQUIRED at the beginning of every school year! Free and reduced applications are not renewable – they do not carry over from year to year. Families who receive a letter from Lincoln Public Schools Nutrition Services Department stating that their children have been Direct Certified for free meal benefits do not need to complete an application –please make sure all the school age children in your home are included in this letter. If one or more of your children are not listed - please call the Nutrition Services office at 402-436-1746. 2017-2018 Free and Reduced Meal Applications will be available on-line at lps.org starting July 31st. The on-line application is fast and secure taking only one to two working days to process. If you apply on-line and have an e-mail address registered with LPS you will receive an e-mail notification as soon as your application has been processed. Paper applications may take as long as ten (10) working days to process. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying for school meals or supplying a sack lunch from home until meal benefits have been determined.

PAY FOR STUDENT MEALS ON-LINE: At lps.org, "Buy Student Meals". A transaction fee of \$1.40 for credit card and just 20 cents for electronic check. Cash or check payments for meals can be made at the school.

FINGER SCANNING AND BAR CODES: your student(s) may purchase meals by scanning their finger image, or scanning a card with a bar code. Information pertaining to finger scan imaging is available on the Nutrition Services web page. Parents may opt out of the finger scan imaging process for their child by notifying the school office.

FOOD ALLERGIES REQUIRING A SPECIAL DIET: the "Medical Statement for Students Requiring Special Meals" (available on the lps website) must be completed and signed by a Physician and turned into the school Health Office. After submitting the form, please plan to send a meal with your child for up to three days so that our staff has time to order the foods necessary to accommodate your student's diet restrictions.

START THE DAY WITH SCHOOL BREAKFAST! All schools across the district offer breakfast. Students have the choice of selecting a cold breakfast (ex: cereal and graham crackers) or hot breakfast (ex: mini pancakes). In addition to the hot or cold breakfast entrée, a student will receive 100% fruit juice, low fat milk and optional ½ c serving of fruit. Breakfast is \$1.30 for elementary students and \$1.50 for secondary students. Reduced priced breakfast is 30 cents.

STUDENT LUNCH MEAL PRICES: will be \$2.35 elementary, \$2.55 middle school and \$2.70 high school. Cow's milk is 50 cents a carton. School lunch consists of a choice of two or more hot entrees, chef salad or meatless entrée plus a salad, vegetable, fruit and milk. Reduced priced lunch is 40 cents.

DOWNLOAD LPS MENU APP: Download our free menu app by searching for Nutrislice from your mobile app store. Includes pictures of the food items, nutritional information and special diet information. You can also view our menus on your laptop or home computer by visiting the LPS webpage (lps.org).