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Meals in the Classroom (MIC) Plan for Forked River Elementary School (as of September 2020)

What is the GOAL of the LTSD Food Service Department?

Our goal for MIC in Lacey Township School District is to ensure that slowing the spread of diseases and protecting vulnerable students and staff, to help ensure students have a safe and healthy learning environment. Thank you for helping us serve MIC as safely and efficiently as possible. In order to achieve our goal we have made the following plans in conjunction with our district administration and local health authorities.

Where will meals be served?

Meals in Forked River Elementary School will be served and delivered directly to the classrooms. Breakfast will be delivered to the classrooms around 10:00am, and Lunch will be delivered to the classrooms during designated lunch periods.

What is the schedule for meal service?

The following meals will be served in Forked River Elementary School at these approximate times: Breakfast- 10:00am; and Lunch will follow this schedule:

- Period 1: 11:30am-12pm (K)
- Period 2: 12pm-12:30pm (1st)
- Period 3: 12:30pm-1pm (2nd)
- Period 4: 1pm-1:30pm (4th)
- Period 5: 1:30pm-2pm (3rd)

A “Pick-Up” Window will be available to the right of the Student Drop Off Entrance on Mondays from 10:30am-12:30pm. **For more details, see the Appendix H: Meals in the ReOpening Plan handout.**

Where can school meal menus be found?

The menus for MIC, as well as other meal services, will be available on <https://www.laceyschools.org/Page/7309>. Contact the Cafeteria Lead, JoAnn Nicastro, at (609) 971-2080 ext:7008 for more information.

How can families and staff preorder meals?

Families and staff may pre-order meals using the system available at <https://forms.gle/GiSxcXWmDtN1cKFX9> ; OR via the Parent Portal, under “Food Services” > “Meal Calendar”.

How will meals get from the cafeteria to the classroom?

Meals in Forked River Elementary School will be delivered to the classroom and distributed by Food Service Staff.

Why is accurate counting of meals important?

Accurate counting of meals and milks taken is essential so that the District School Breakfast Program and National Lunch Program can be reimbursed for school meals. In Forked River Elementary School, names of students taking a meal will be checked by a Food Service Staff Member using a coded roster system, as well as the Realtime POS system.

How can families and staff pay for meals?

Payment for schools meals will only be accepted by: online payments made via PaySchools Central.

Can students bring in outside food or have it delivered?

Food from outside the school nutrition program is subject to the following rules: District Policy #8505 “Wellness Policy/ Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods”.

How will high-touch surfaces be sanitized in the classroom?

Sanitizing high-touch classroom surfaces, including all hard surfaces, will be the responsibility of the Custodial Dept.

How will students and staff sanitize their hands?

Students, teachers and staff will be responsible for sanitizing their hands before and after meals.

How much time will students have to eat MIC?

In order for students to be well-nourished and ready to learn, they must have enough time to enjoy MIC. The minimum amount of time for MIC once students receive their meal is: Breakfast twenty minutes; Lunch thirty minutes.

How can mealtime environments be comfortable for students?

The classroom environment during MIC should be calm and comfortable so that students can enjoy their meals. Strategies for creating a positive mealtime environment are enacted by Teachers and Staff.

May students share unwanted food with each other?

No food sharing is allowed among students. All leftover food must be thrown away, returned to the student bringing food from home or sent back to the cafeteria. The collection of food waste and other trash from MIC is the responsibility of the Facility Custodial Staff.

Need More information?

Contact your Cafeteria Lead, JoAnn Nicastro at (609) 971-2080 ext: 7008 or jnicastro@laceyschools.org or Food Service Director, Crystal DeCaro, at (609) 971-2020 ext: 2046/ cdecaro@laceyschools.org.



INSERT DATE

Dear Families of Forked River Elementary School,

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Cost of Meals: For SY 2020-2021, the price of meals in Forked River Elementary School is as follows:

Breakfast at \$1.60/meal and Lunch at \$2.90/meal. Students that qualify for Free or Reduced School Meals will be eligible for Breakfast and Lunch at no charge.

Payment for Meals: Payment for schools meals will only be accepted by: online payments made via PaySchools Central.

Time to Eat: In order for students to be well-nourished and ready to learn, they must have enough time to enjoy MIC. The **minimum amount** of time for MIC once students receive their meal is: Breakfast twenty minutes; Lunch thirty minutes.

Outside Food: Food from outside the school nutrition program is subject to the following rules: District Policy #8505 “Wellness Policy/ Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods”.

Thank you for supporting the Lacey Township School District Food Service Department – we are dedicated to serving your children the safest, tastiest and most nutritious meals possible. This school year is a new situation for all of us. Changes to our meal service may happen with little warning, but we will do our best to keep families informed about changes in a timely manner.

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