

# Food Service News



## BIOMETRICS

After Spring Break, we will be launching a new system to access student lunch accounts. We will begin in the Elementary School using a student identification finger imaging process. In order to be registered in the computer software, the student’s finger is scanned by a finger scanner. The computer software then develops a grid of intersection points from the swirls and arcs of the scanned finger, this is not a finger print. Then the software stores a set of numbers that are unique to each student’s finger. When the students come through the lunch line, a simple scan of their finger will access their account in under one second. These scanners will allow us to access accounts more quickly and accurately during breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions regarding this new system please contact the food service office at 260-351-2070.

## ACCOUNT CHARGES

We are quickly approaching the end of the year! Keep in mind that all unpaid charges on your student’s account **MUST** be paid by the end of the school year. Daily meal charges are as follows:

	Break.	Lunch	Reduced
Elementary	\$1.50	\$2.35	\$0.30/\$0.40
Middle	\$1.55	\$2.45	\$0.30/\$0.40
High	\$1.55	\$2.55	\$0.30/\$0.40

If you need to make arrangements to pay or need to know what your child owes, please contact the food service office.

## MENUS



On May 31<sup>st</sup>, our contract with our current menu software company, Nutrislice, will run out. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be switching to a different company. You will still be able to access menus via the PH website and you can download the new app by searching for **Menus for Schools**. Once you have downloaded the app, you will be prompted to enter the schools city and state (LaGrange, IN). Then enter the number of children in your household and search for our school. You can simply search for Prairie or type in the entire name of the school. You then select the school your child(ren) attend and click submit. You will have to do each school separately if you have kids in more than one building. Keep in mind that the High School has a separate menu for the hot line and one for the salad bar. If you have a high school student, make sure you select both of those menus. Please wait until May to download the app. Before that, we will not have menus in the system and it will not work. If you have any questions or need assistance setting up the app, we are more than happy to help. Just give us a call.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



Did you know that we have a Facebook page? Stop by and like our page to stay up to date on the latest news. You can find us at **Prairie Heights Food Services**.

## FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST/LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced-price meals are available to students if there is financial need. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are available all year and can be submitted at any time there is a financial need. You can now complete applications online by going to the Food Service Information tab on the PH website or by clicking here

<https://prairieheights.payschools.com/Default.aspx>.

Next school year we will not be mailing applications on July 1. You will have to go online to complete the application or print a paper copy off. Make sure you keep the income information used to complete the application for verification later in the year.

Eligibility is governed by guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture. Notification will be emailed to all families stating what program they qualify for.

If you have questions or need help filling out the online application, please contact us at 260-351-2070.

## ONLINE PAYMENTS

Did you know that you can check your student's lunch account balance and make payments online? AND there's an app for that! Search for **Payschools Mobile** on your device and install the easy to use app. Or go to the PH website and click on the Food Service Information tab or click here

<https://www.payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login>.



## SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAMS

The Summer Food Service Program for Children was created to serve nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available. We want to make sure you know where you can go to get a free nutritious lunch when school is not in session. PH does not provide this service, but you can visit the link below to see what schools in the area do.

<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/nutrition/all-counties.pdf>

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