

January 20, 2012

Dear K.C.S. Parents,

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, Whitson's Food Service Department will implement a new electronic meal ID system in our Dining Hall. This new system, which assigns each student a LUNCH ID #, will allow each student to confidentially access their account in order to pay for their lunch. Students who participate in the National School Lunch Program will also use their LUNCH ID # everyday.

Your child's confidential number was sent home to you Monday with a model keyboard to practice punching the number. Please help your child memorize this number, and remind your child not to tell other children their number.

Parents will have the opportunity to prepay for meals into their child's private school meal account in the following ways:

- Checks or cash may be placed in an envelope marked with their child's name and sent into school with your child. Please include the child's name and confidential LUNCH ID # inside the envelope or on your check. If there is more than one student in a family, in ANY of the Killingly Schools, one student may make deposits into their sibling account(s) by specifying each student's LUNCH ID# and amount to be deposited for each child. Example: A Check for \$20 enclosed with a note that states:

Billy Doe—Grade 4 #1111--\$10.00

Judy Doe—Grade 6 #2222--\$10.00

Any amount may be deposited into your child's account, one day, one week, one month, one year. Please note that money left in the account at the end of the school year will remain there for the next school year.

(Parents may log in at www.mynutrikids.com and make a deposit from a debit or credit card. In order for parents to log into the nutrikids website and access their child's account the parent needs to have the full 10 digit sasid number. If you are a KCS parent and wish to have the entire 10 digit# to access your account, please call the school and we send home a copy of the entire number. Your child only needs to know the four digit number here at school – if you have a child at KHS, the entire number is available for you to use.)

- Parents may come into the KCS cafeteria and make a deposit into their child's account.
- Children may pay for lunch each day at the register.

HOW IT WORKS FOR YOUR CHILD:

At Breakfast and/or Lunch your child will pick up their tray and their meal and then enter their LUNCH ID # into the keypad near the register, the amount will be subtracted from their account or credited to the National School Lunch Program automatically.

If there is no money in their account, the cashier will ask for payment from the child. When a child's account is getting low the cashier will remind them to make a deposit. Negative balances will not be allowed.

Whitson's Food Service Department believes this system will benefit the school in many ways: insuring that breakfast and lunch money is used for meals, no student identified as using the National School Lunch Program, speeding up lunch lines to provide more time in eating, protecting money from being lost, and making our system more efficient and effective.

There will be some inconvenience in the first few days as both students and staff members become familiar with the new system. Our KCS cashier will be available to teach the children how to use the keypad and she will have a complete list of LUNCH ID # to remind the children of their number. If you have any questions, please call me at 860-779-6645.

Sincerely,

Timothy Mугan
Food Service Director