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Re: PowerLunch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that on **February 8, 2010**, Penn Beach Elementary will begin using the lunch management portion of PowerSchool known as PowerLunch. PowerLunch helps to manage student lunch transactions and allows parents to prepay lunch purchases. Starting **January 25, 2010**, parents will be able to add money to student lunch accounts via cash or check.

Once PowerLunch is in place, every first through fifth grade Penn Beach student will be issued a unique lunch ID card. Teachers will distribute lunch ID cards to students who are buying lunch just before going to lunch each day. The cashier will collect the lunch ID cards after lunch transactions are complete. If students have money on their PowerLunch account, the money will be deducted from that account. Students will still have the option of paying cash. ID cards will be reissued to students who purchase snacks, and then collected again.

Below are some questions and answers which will help you understand the PowerLunch system better.

How does the PowerLunch system work?

Money gets added to your child's lunch account via cash or check. Once money is deposited, the cost of lunch purchases is automatically deducted from the lunch account balance.

Does my child need to purchase lunch everyday if we add money to his/her PowerLunch account?

Children do not have to buy lunch everyday in order to participate in this program.

What items can be purchased with the PowerLunch account?

All items for sale in the school cafeteria can be purchased using the PowerLunch system.

How can I add money to my child's lunch account?

Money can be added to your child's lunch account by cash or check only. We are not accepting checks via the internet or credit card transactions at this time. Deposits will be added by school cafeteria personnel in the morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Parents have two options for making deposits:

- 1) Send money in with your child in a sealed envelope. Teachers will send these students to the cafeteria to deposit the money between these times. (OR)
- 2) Parents may come in between these times to deposit lunch money.

Who should I make checks payable to?

Please make checks payable to: Pennsville Board of Education.

How much money should I deposit into my child's lunch account?

The amount you deposit is your own preference (minimum of \$10.00) and can be adjusted to accommodate your child's eating habits.

You can use the 2009-2010 school calendar to determine the number of school days in each month. For example, there are 23 school days in March. If you want to send in enough money so he/she can purchase a lunch everyday in March, you would need to send in \$62.10. This amount is calculated by multiplying the daily lunch cost (\$2.70) by 23, the number of days in March. Students who receive reduced lunch pricing through the Federal Free and Reduced lunch program should use the .40 figure when calculating the daily lunch cost.

If your child purchases snacks, this should be considered as well when depositing money.

What happens to lunch tickets we may still have?

On February 8, 2010, we will convert any lunch tickets on our books into PowerLunch funds. Tickets will no longer be available for purchase once PowerLunch deposits are accepted.

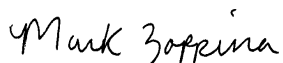
What happens to money left on the lunch account at the end of the school year?

At the end of the school year all PowerLunch account balances (positive and negative) will automatically be rolled over to the next school year.

Can I view my child's lunch account online?

Yes. Student lunch accounts are viewable when you log into PowerSchool. If you need your PowerSchool account information again (you should have received this in September), please inform the main office. This will be mailed to you, or you may come in person to receive it. It will not be given over the phone or emailed.

Sincerely,



Mark Zoppina