

March 5, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that we will begin using the Meal Magic point of sale system this spring in our elementary school cafeterias. The Meal Magic system provides for pre-paying meals, eliminating the identification of students receiving free and reduced meals and increases our accountability to our meal programs.

Your elementary student will be given an “account” into which you may deposit money at any time. This account will allow your child to pay for meals or snacks just by using his/her account. Your child’s account will be accessed by the cashier when your child comes to the lunchroom with his/her class.

We are strongly encouraging parents and students to take advantage of the pre-pay option of this program.

- Meal Magic has the capability of notifying cashiers of any food allergies your child may have.
- It will improve the efficiency of our lunch program by allowing more students to move through the serving lines in a shorter period of time.
- Allow students more time to eat and socialize.
- Improve our accuracy with inventory.
- Allow us to offer products that are more desirable to parents and students by monitoring which products are purchased.
- The Meal Magic program can notify you by e-mail when your child’s account goes down to a \$5.00 balance so you know it’s time to send in another deposit. In order to make this possible, parents/guardians must provide current e-mail addresses to the school office on their child’s emergency form.

Your child can continue to bring in money for their lunches each morning or at the beginning of the week, as they currently do. However, Meal Magic will also allow you to make “deposits” to your child’s account anytime by dropping off cash or checks in the main office. (Checks should be made payable to “Lakeview Public Schools”). Pre-paying your child’s meals will make things easier for both you and your child’s school.

This letter is meant to provide you with initial information about the program. Later this spring, an FAQ question and answer document will be posted on the district website and also be available in school offices providing you with additional information on the program.

We are certain that you will find the accuracy and convenience to be a great asset to your children’s school experience. Please feel free to call Shirley Swieczkowski at 445-4000 ext. 2507 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Food Service Department  
Lakeview Public Schools

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