

FARMERS' MARKET SALAD BAR

The Farmers' Market Salad Bar features locally grown, seasonal fruits and vegetables which means students are served the freshest, most flavorful produce every day. Seasonal means that the selection of fruits and vegetables on the salad bar and on our serving lines varies at different times of the year - for example, strawberries are not served in December! It also means that certain types of produce may never be seen on the salad bars - for example, mangos because they are imported. None of our farmers use pesticides on their crops.

The Farmers' Market Salad Bar provides a balanced meal. Besides the selection of fruits and vegetables, pasta, whole grain bread, and grated cheese are served every day. Two protein choices are offered daily. They include turkey ham, tuna, hard boiled eggs and cottage cheese. Baked potatoes are offered one day a week. Whole wheat pasta, beans, dried fruit and trail mix are served daily when available from USDA.

Volunteers are welcome to assist in prepping the salad bar. Mondays and Thursdays are especially busy days because produce is delivered on these days. **Helpers welcome!**

The Farmers' Market Salad Bar Program provides Farmers' Market tours, Edible Education in the classroom and School Garden support. For more information or if you would like to volunteer at your school salad bar, contact drichwine@smmusd.org.

Food & Nutrition Services would like to thank the following for their partnership and support of the Farmers' Market Salad Bar Program:

City of Santa Monica
Santa Monica Farmers' Market
California Farmers
American Cancer Society
Parent Volunteers in the gardens and at the salad bars.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we offer "Cool Lunch", featuring the Farmers' Market Salad Bar in all our elementary school. "Cool Lunch" combines the best from our hot line and the Salad Bar.

Your child can choose from a variety of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables each day.

We offer 1/2 cup servings of fresh fruit and 1/2 cup servings of vegetables each school day on our serving lines.

We welcome student and parent input regarding our menu selections.

We offer many name brand items that you purchase at your local grocery stores: Tyson, Jennie O, General Mills, Tony's, Foster Farms, Land O'Lakes, Pillsbury. The orange chicken served on the hot line is also sold at Trader Joe's!

We partner with a few local Santa Monica-Malibu companies: Spruzzo's of Malibu, Bagel Works, Ameci Pizza, Berkeley Street Beverage and the Santa Monica Farmers' Market!

NEW THIS YEAR

- Meatless Monday
- Vegetarian choices on our hot line and salad bar each school day.
- More whole grain items (marked with WG on our Menu).
- My Lunch Money-online payment system for meals purchased in the cafeteria! You can also pay negative balances and monitor your child's account at: www.mylunchmoney.com



PARTIAL MEAL POLICY

Pursuant to District Policy 3556, Food & Nutrition Services will strictly enforce the Partial Meal Policy in our elementary schools. In our elementary schools, full price students will be allowed to owe for only three consecutive complete meals, a value not to exceed \$9.00. If a child does not have money and has exceeded his/her three meal credits, a partial meal will be offered to the student. Please note: there is NO credit or partial meal service for secondary students.

The partial meal will be a nutritionally adequate meal consisting of a cold cheese sandwich and nonfat milk. Written reminders will be sent home on a regular basis. Parents are solely responsible for ensuring that their child's account is active and not in negative status. Parents are encouraged to check their child's balance by contacting the Cafeteria, or by contacting the Food & Nutrition Services Central Office.

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We in the Food & Nutrition Services Department will do our part to make this year a successful and exciting one for you and your child. Please feel free to call the Food & Nutrition Services Department at (310) 450-8338, ext 70228. if you need more information regarding our National School Breakfast/Lunch Programs.

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To Our Students & Parents:

The Food & Nutrition Services Department is looking forward to serving your child(ren) balanced, healthy and tasty meals for the upcoming school year. A nutrition analysis is performed of all meals and must comply with the National School Lunch Program to provide adequate calories, calcium, iron, vitamins A and C and not to exceed 30% calories from fat or 10% calories from saturated fat.

Breakfast is available at the following schools: Edison, McKinley, Grant, Muir/Smash, Rogers Lincoln Middle, Adams Middle, Santa Monica High, and Malibu High.

**The Meal Deal Price from September-June:
Elementary: 20 lunches for \$50.00 (\$10 savings)
Secondary: 20 lunches for \$60.00 (\$10 savings)**

Due to the high volume of prepayments that are received at the beginning of a new school year, we suggest that you send your child(ren) to school with money on the first day of school.

Prepayments must be received by the Office Staff by 9:00 am in order to be credited for that days meal.

The 2011/12 individual Meal Prices will be as follows:

Elementary School Prices:

- \$3.00 Lunch, Full Price
- \$0.40 Lunch, Reduced Price
- \$1.25 Breakfast Full Price
- \$0.30 Breakfast, Reduced Price
- \$8.00 Prepaid Reduced Price (20 lunch meals)

Secondary Prices:

- \$3.50 Lunch, Full Price
- \$0.40 Lunch, Reduced Price
- \$1.50 Breakfast, Full Price
- \$0.30 Breakfast, Reduced Price
- \$8.00 Prepaid Reduced Price (20 lunch meals)

No change in meal prices!

Please note: If a payment is made with a check that is returned for Non-sufficient funds, we will reverse the prepayment transaction and the parent will be charged the appropriate fees for any meals consumed by their child(ren). **Future fees, penalties and prepayments must be made with cash or money order, no exceptions.**

There are no refunds of prepayments, however, meal credits or cash can be transferred between siblings only. A record of meal credits and cash balances will be sent to parents on a regular basis. Parents will also receive emails and phone messages regarding negative balances.

Parents are encouraged to check their child's balance by contacting the Cafeteria Manager, by contacting Food & Nutrition Services, or by going on line at: www.mylunchmoney.com

Negative balances **must** be paid before the student can receive any meal deal (regardless of when they make the prepayment).



We are excited to introduce our new **ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM: MY LUNCH MONEY!** (www.mylunchmoney.com). Parents can now prepay for their child(ren)'s cafeteria meals online beginning Monday, August 22, 2011!

What you need to get started:

Your child's name, school name, student ID number and a credit or debit card. If you do not know your child's ID number please call his or her school office or call Food & Nutrition Services.

With each **My Lunch Money** prepayment of \$50.00 (Elementary) or \$60.00 (Secondary), instead of meal credits you will now see a cash balance that equals 20 lunches. A Full Price Meal Deal still means you will receive a \$10.00 promotional credit if you make a full price prepayment of \$50.00 (Elementary) or \$60.00 (Secondary). The promotional credit will only be applied to payments made in multiples of \$50.00 or \$60.00. There is no change for Reduced Price Benefits. Parents can continue making payments in the school office, but you will see a meal balance not a cash balance.

Ala carte purchases must still be made with cash at our snack bars and food carts.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

One application per family, please! Make sure to include all required information. For example: **Signature, date, last four digits of Social Security # (if you do not have a SS#, check the box "I do not have a Social Security Number), list all the names of all household members, foster children, etc.** Applications may be mailed back to the District Office, (see address below) dropped off at the school site or the Food & Nutrition Services Office .

**Mail or return application forms to:
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Food & Nutrition Services
1651 Sixteenth Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891**

Please note that the 2010/11 Meal Application expires the evening of October 11, 2011 . Please submit your 2011/12 application by September 28, 2011. as it may take at least ten (10) business days to process your 2010/11 application.

Applications must be for the 2011/12 school year. Applications from previous years will not be processed. Applications are accepted throughout the school year.

Parents are encouraged to return the applications as soon as possible so that your child's status will be current in the computer the first day of school. Applications are available throughout the school year and may be submitted at any time. You may also download a meal application from our website- www.smmusd.org/foodservices. Please visit our website for meal applications, menus, and other important Information pertaining to the Food & Nutrition Services Department.

If you have a kindergartner in your household, please be aware that he or she may not be eligible for free or reduced meals the first day of school. Please send your kindergartner to school with money or a lunch for the first week.



Important Dates to Remember:

- The school year begins **August 30, 2011** and ends on **June 18, 2012**. There are **180** days in the 2011/12 school year.
- First day of Farmers' Market Salad Bar: **Tuesday, September 6, 2011**
- First day of "Cool Lunch": **Wednesday, September 7, 2011**
- Last day to purchase a **Meal Deal:** **Friday, May 18, 2012**
- Last day to accept checks: **Friday, May 25, 2012**

Don't forget to take full advantage of our new online payment system: www.mylunchmoney.com.

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