

Dear Parents,

Our mission is to be a partner in the educational process by providing quality meals at a reasonable price and nutrition education opportunities for students that promote HEALTHY CHILDREN, READY to LEARN.

The school nutrition program provides: Breakfast, lunch, and after school snacks to help your child get the nutrition they need to learn, grow, and develop. Menus must adhere to strict guidelines issued by USDA. Each meal planned must provide the required (USDA) number of food components and food items and meet the nutrient standards for the age/grade group served. Your child's monthly menus are posted on the Ben Hill County School's web site.

Meal Accounts: Each cafeteria has a computer program for tracking REIMBURSEABLE meals and payments. All Ben Hill County students are assigned a student identification/account number. Students are required to learn their meal number to use at the cashier station. There will be no charge for breakfast or lunch this year for students. We are a part of a new pilot program, CEP (Community Eligibility Provision); CEP is part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act. Our District will not issue, process, or collect F/R Meal applications for the school year 2016 –2017.

Maintaining an increase participation rate will help the Child Nutrition Program to continue to participate in CEP. Please encourage your child(ren) to eat meals in the cafeteria daily.

Meal Charges: Will not exist. If a student wants to purchase additional items outside of their reimbursable meal there will be a charge and will be allowed only if they have cash in their account or on hand.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's account, you may contact the managers at each school site.

Parents are welcomed to visit & eat meals with their child. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD is allowed in the cafeteria during lunch hours.**

Sincerely,

Martha Dixon

Child Nutrition Coordinator

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