Nauset Public Schools



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Dear Parents:

In these tough economic times, we find some families are struggling financially and are sending their children to school without lunch and/or without money to purchase a school meal. Or occasionally, a parent just might forget to provide money to purchase lunch. We understand that this might happen and, while we cannot afford to give meals away, we will never let a child go without a lunch. Our policy is after a child has two unpaid charges, they cannot charge a lunch of their choice, but can charge a cheese or sun butter sandwich with milk and fruit.

Nauset's School Food and Nutrition Department is not part of the school budget; but is a self-funded revolving account. The department runs on the revenue generated from students buying breakfast and lunch and from additional reimbursements from the State and Federal Government for students receiving free and reduced meals. This revenue is used to purchase food, supplies, and equipment as well as pay some salaries for cafeteria personnel.

If you are finding yourself unable to provide money for your child's meals, please consider filling out an application for free and reduced price meals. This information is STRICTLY confidential. Applications are available at the main office of each school, on the Nauset website at <u>www.nausetschools.org</u> or by calling the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 508-255-8800, ext. 120.

Please feel to call me if you have any questions regarding our school lunch program. Remember, Nauset Public Schools serves complete nutritious and delicious meals every day and we encourage your child to participate in our program!

Sincerely, Susan Murray, SNS Director of Food and Nutrition 508-255-8800 ext. 180