

*Darien Food and Nutrition Department
35 Leroy Ave, Darien, CT 06820*

WELCOME LETTER

The Darien Schools Food and Nutrition Department would like to give you an overview of the Food Services offered to your Child at the Elementary School level.

We serve ORGANIC PIZZA AND BOARS HEAD –LOW SODIUM –CHEESES AND SANDWICH PRODUCTS. These items are SPECIAL MENU ORDERS for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. These products have been added to further fortify a Food Service program that has been a leader in providing Natural and Organic Products to students.

The Menus will reflect that the District also serves a wide variety of freshly made salads every day, Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Cheese, Carrot Salad, Broccoli Slaw, and Tri color Pasta Salad. These salads and other fresh fruit and produce, whole wheat bread items and whole wheat pizza and pasta are offered as part of your child's Lunch Price of \$3.55. We offer 2 Lunch Choices daily and a variety of a la carte items that are of high nutritional standards.

Calorie counts of the main meal are also on the menu.

The Darien School Lunch Program also offers the service of supplying for **-GRADES 1-5 - IN CLASSROOM SNACK** This program has been a highly successful service for the parents. The student simply signs up in the A.M. when they sign up for Lunch. The choices are-100% Juice, Water, String Cheese, A bagged graham cracker snack , 1/2oz bagged pretzels, or bagged fresh apples, for \$.75.

Your child's school menu is published on the website: www.darienps.org/foodservice/

To serve your child quickly and efficiently, we have a pre-paid system with **PICTURE ID** that allows students to make a deposit into their accounts by using the enclosed deposit slips supplied in the cafeteria.

YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO PAY ON LINE, AND VIEW YOUR STUDENTS ACCOUNT 24/7. You will have the ability to pay on line, view your child's transactions and communicate with your school café manager regarding your child's account. See link online.

Your child has a main lunch choice every day and the cost of lunch is currently \$3.55. Milk is \$.75.

In Class Room Snacks is \$.75.

Menu items that are available on the Lunch Line are to supplement the Students lunch. Many students tend to build their own Lunch with various items like yogurt, bagels, string cheese, 100% juice, water, bagged fruit and side salads. These Alacarte side items are \$.75.

The Darien School Lunch Program has the following policy regarding non-payment of lunches:

Our system is able to debit 2 lunches (- \$7.10) when a child's account has not received a deposit. We are not able to debit the account beyond \$7.10 the computer does not allow us to. Parent notifications are made by phone, email and notices that are sent out before the child's account reaches negative \$7.10. To avoid these complications during your child's lunch period, please respond promptly. **If you choose to be notified by Email please contact your Café Manager.**

Once the debit limit has been reached and no deposit has been made, a substitute lunch will be provided. The substitute lunch is a nutritionally rounded meal consisting of a cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, fruit and milk. This is the only lunch provided, and the child's account will NOT be charged. A student never goes without something to eat.

Please make all checks payable to the Darien School Lunch Program (DSLPP).

As a parent you can control if you'd like, your child's ability to purchase one of these a la carte items. You can control your child's a la carte purchases by calling your school's manager (see below) and asking her to put a block on your child's account to not allow purchasing of the a la carte items. Please take this into consideration when calculating your child's lunch cost.

SCHOOL	MANAGER	PHONE & EXT
HINDLEY	Maureen Szanto	(203) 655-1323 X 4210
HOLMES	Olivia David	(203) 353-4371 X 4410
OX RIDGE	Judy Lasko	(203) 655-2579 X 4610
ROYLE	Marylyn Stepkoski	(203) 655-0044 X 4810
TOKENEKE	Rose Colacicco	(203) 655-9666 X 4110

Warm Regards,

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