

# FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

**Welcome back!** Hope you and your family had a great summer. We have been hard at work in the Food Service Department and Business Office to improve service and food choices to the students at Hermosa Valley and Hermosa View Schools. Monthly Lunch Menus are posted on the District's website.

Lunch prices are **\$3.50** per lunch. You can purchase a block of 10 tickets (**\$35.00**) and 20 tickets (**\$70.00**). Please make checks payable to Hermosa Beach City School District. To accommodate as many parents as possible, we are accepting money for daily sales. Your child will raise his/her hand to be included in the count. At lunch recess, your child will take the money to the food service window to receive a lunch. We advise the parents of students in grades **1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>** to place exact change in an envelope **WITH TEACHER'S NAME AND STUDENT NAME ON THE ENVELOPE**. Please caution your child to be careful with his/her envelope. Check to make sure your child has not forgotten his/her lunch or lunch money before they leave home each morning. Some students are throwing away their lunches from home, using their ticket to buy a lunch upon finding out their favorite entrée is on the school menu. Parents don't understand why the student's lunch ticket runs out so quickly. Please talk to your student(s) and go over the menu weekly. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

## **Food Allergies...**

Information and a form are posted on the District website about food allergies. Please return the form as soon as possible to the District Office. We want to have an alternative food choice for your child.

## **Hermosa Valley School:**

Each student in grades 3rd-8<sup>th</sup> received their student identification card during the 2008-2009 school year. The card has the student's picture, name and student identification number embedded in a magnetic strip on the back of the card. Students can use their old cards until their pictures are taken and their new 2009-2010 ID cards are issued. If your student does not have the old card or is a new student to Hermosa Valley School, please pick up a temporary card in the school office. There will be no charge for this card. Students use their cards to purchase lunch, check out books in the library and participate in school sponsored events. **All former Hermosa View 2<sup>nd</sup> graders going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Hermosa Valley School will have their old I.D. cards issued to them the first day of school. All students will bring their cards home.**

If the student does not have a card, they will go into another line and wait until students with cards and paying for lunch with cash are served. The student without the card will give us his/her student ID number and be served a lunch. This process is enforced to speed students through the lunch line. One of our biggest complaints is the time students have to wait in the lunch line. **Remember... students should never share their ID numbers with anyone.** This ID number will stay with the student from kindergarten until they leave here from Valley.

When a student wants to order a lunch, they raise their hand so we can get the lunch count from each classroom. Students take their student I.D. card to the food service workers at the end of the line, where it is swiped through an attachment to a computer which connects to Power School, the District's student information system. Please make sure your child has his/her student identification card with them at all times when they are attending school. Without the student identification card, your child will be able to purchase lunch, but will have to wait until student with cards have been served. The student ID card can be used as identification when while traveling; is used check out books; and participate in school sponsored events. **After the 2009-2010 I.D. cards are issued, replacement cards can be purchased for \$10.00.**

**6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hermosa Valley School, only,** are able to purchase an additional serving of pizza, hamburgers, chicken nuggets, and chicken patty on a bun when these items are on the menu for **\$1.75**.

Students may purchase a grilled cheese sandwich or a peanut butter sandwich for **\$1.75** daily. Students **will not** be able to have their lunch cards swiped twice for these additional servings.

**Hermosa View:**

All students were issued a card during the 2008-2009 school year. We will use the old cards until the 2009-2010 I. D. cards are issued. Once your student has money deposited into their lunch accounts, the I.D. cards are issued to their teacher. **The cards do not go home.** When a student wants to order a lunch, they raise their hand so we can get the lunch count from each classroom . Before lunch recess, the teacher will distribute cards to the students who raised their hands. The students will take the cards to the lunch counter where it will be swiped by a noon duty employee. The cards are collected daily and returned to the classroom before the end of the day.

**Did you know:**

The nutritional values for the school lunches can now be found on the Redondo Beach Unified School District website. This website has a program that parents can go to and input exactly what their student had for lunch. The program then calculates all the nutritional values for what was input.

The instructions are as follows:

- Go to [www.rbusd.org](http://www.rbusd.org) and click on **Food Services Menu** (located on the lower left side of the web page)
- Click on the **Health-E Living** box (located on the right side of the page)
- Click on **Health-E Meal Planner – Nutrient Values of the Foods at Your School** (small link located on the lower right side of the page)
- Follow the directions for how to use the site.

**Did you know....**

**Hermosa View and Hermosa Valley Schools Parents/Guardian**

You can log onto Power School to obtain your child's current lunch balance, grades, etc, at any time or place. If you do not know how to log on, please contact Hermosa Valley School office or the Hermosa View School Office. Due to our employee's time constraints, we will not be able to send out lunch card reminder notices. As your child(ren) pass through the lunch line, they are reminded about renewing their cards. Staff will process the payment into Power School within 24 hours of receiving payment. Make sure your child brings a lunch from home until the payment has been processed. **We can not guarantee same day service**

Please contact us if you have concerns or comments. Have a great School Year....

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