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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Lunch begins on the first day of school and it consistently proves to be one of the most important, and sometimes challenging, times of the day! As you ready for the first day, kindly take some of the following into consideration. Additionally, please talk with your child about appropriate lunch and recess behavior and ways to make this time positive.

- A healthy breakfast gets your child off to a great start in the morning. It sets them up for learning for the rest of the day.
- Classes have a “health-break” (snack-time) sometime during the day, likely mid-morning. Please send in something nutritious that is *easy to open and eat*, and which can be consumed in a short period of time. These snacks should be packed separately from the lunch. (The teachers will talk more about this on Back-to-School-Night, Wednesday, September 11, 2024.) Please be mindful of various food allergies (especially to peanuts) when making selections. Our school nurse will reach out to families in homerooms that have a student with nut allergies.
- Check with your child, before he/she leaves your home, to make sure he/she has lunch/snack. If you ordered hot lunch for lunch, make sure he/she knows this and is aware of what was ordered. When placing hot lunch orders, have your child share his/her input. It’s sad to see great lunches thrown away because the child doesn’t like it.
- We do not have a working cafeteria. Families are responsible for sending in a lunch to meet their child’s nutritional needs. We do not have microwaves either. If you are sending your child in with a hot meal, we recommend you use a thermos.
- Our PTA does offer a pay-for lunch program through a vendor, Simply Gourmet. Additionally, the PTA offers pizza for purchase on Wednesdays (prepayment is necessary). Information was sent out with the summer packet in mid-August. Contact mtv.pta@hanovertwpschools.org for more information. Order forms are due soon – please pay attention to those time lines. **Take note, especially at month’s end, orders need to be placed THREE days prior to the day you want it.**
- Pizza lunch will begin on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, for all patrons. Simply Gourmet lunch begins on the First Day of School, Thursday, September 05, for all patrons who placed their orders in time.
- Though our MTV PTA is generous in providing emergency supplies, **please send your child to school with all items needed, including utensils (forks and spoons, no knives), plates, and napkins.**
- Please refrain from packing glass items in your child’s lunch. While I recognize the environmental advantages of using glass over plastic, we don’t want any students to get hurt if it breaks. (Accidents happen regularly!!!)
- We encourage you to label the inside and outside of your child’s lunch bag (and other items – jackets, hats, etc.). The Lost and Found is located at the main entrance. We discourage you from sending your child to school with electronics. Cell phones must remain in backpacks and students are prohibited from using an Apple Watch to text or call during the school day. We ask that you refrain from texting your son/daughter on his/her watch as well.
- Lunch is an important social experience for your child. Encourage him/her to reach out to new friends and mix with different people throughout the school year. We will encourage the same and work to promote kindness and great behavior at lunch and recess.

We appreciate your cooperation. Kindly reach out with any questions or concerns.

Kindly,
Carmen Camean
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