

# Lunch Procedures

Beginning on Sept. 21st, Roynon Kindergartners will be eating lunch here at school. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

\* The easiest way to purchase a lunch is by buying a lunch ticket for your child in the office ahead of time. These tickets are good for 10 lunches; (this is not a physical ticket, but an account that your child will be taught to access.) Remember to buy a new one when your child's ticket is nearly used up. The cafeteria cashier will ask your child to punch in his or her student number in order to access their lunch account. The children will be expected to memorize their number! An instructional aide will help the children with this until they have it mastered. These student numbers will remain the same through high school.

\* If you send cash with your child, make sure that you send it in an envelope with your child's name on it. (Children that bring cash will not need to punch in their number.) Send exact change only. Kindergartners are not good at keeping track of the change that they are given while at recess. Don't be surprised if you never see any change from that \$5.00 dollar bill! I think it is easiest to go to the bank and ask for some money in one dollar bills, plus some quarters; save these in a special place to be used for lunch only.

## Prices:

Lunch \$2.75 *This includes milk.* (reduced price: 40 cents).

Breakfast \$2.00 *This includes milk.* (reduced price: 30 cents).

Milk only: 50 cents

\* For those that bring their lunches from home, be sure to let your child know that they must save their juice boxes for lunch time. They should not open juice boxes up during the morning recess. Make sure your child's name is on the lunch box, as well as the teacher's name.

\* Warn your child about eating the whole lunch at the morning recess. If he or she eats it all early, there won't be anything left at lunch time, obviously. This is clear to you and me, but many a child has been in tears at lunch time, insisting that Mom forgot to pack them a lunch! Pack your child's snack separately from the lunch.

\* If your child is supposed to get a free lunch, check with the Roynon cafeteria manager to make sure he or she is approved. Often times, the district food services department tells parents that the child is approved, but it takes a few days for the list to make its way to the school site cafeteria. Meanwhile, the child goes hungry. Send a lunch with your child until you are sure that he or she is approved.

\* Free lunch is no more than a free lunch. These children do not receive a free snack! Many of these students are quite hungry by the time morning recess comes around. Send a snack with your child to eat at the morning recess. Sometimes we have crackers for the children, but you cannot count on this to always be the case.

\* Remember, we have children with peanut allergies here. Please save these foods to eat at home. Children that bring foods with nuts in them may be asked to move to a separate table away from those with allergies while they are eating.

