

Kindergarten Round Up Script

Good evening parents. My name is _____ and I am the food service manager at _____ Elementary School. I would like to welcome you and your child to the school and tell you about our School Food Service Program.

Every day your child will be offered the opportunity to eat breakfast at school for free. We begin serving breakfast in the cafeteria, usually 20-30 minutes before school starts. We offer a variety of whole grain cereals, pancakes, waffles, breakfast sandwiches, fruit, and milks. Make sure your child arrives on time to fuel their mind and “Power Up” their day with a nutritious breakfast!

Lunch is also offered daily for \$1.95 (FY14-15) or \$0.40 if you are receiving reduced priced meal benefits. Menus are designed to meet age appropriate nutritional needs. We offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain bread products, low fat and fat free milk choices. Also, a vegetarian entrée is offered daily.

If you would like for your child to get lunch from school, you can access the menus by going to our website www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs. Also, on the website you will find information regarding meal accommodations for food allergies and/or other special dietary requirements. Please refer to the “Special Dietary Needs” tab on the left side of the website. **SUGGESTION – Have a couple menus printed as samples.**

The computer system that we use provides each student with his or her own account. You can make prepayments to this account by going online to www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs or may pay by check or cash at the school. Prepayments can be made in any amount, but we recommend that you pay by the week or the month to make it easier on your child. The money that you send in will be placed into your child’s account and your child will be able to buy any meal or a la carte item.

If your child is the first to attend a Palm Beach County public school, please visit our computer station and provide your name and address. We will send you a copy of our School Food Service informational booklet in July, which will provide more information about our meals and how to complete an application for free or reduced price lunch benefits. If you do not have the opportunity to visit our

computer station, please pick up a business card so that you can sign up from your home computer to receive our informational booklet.

If you have other children who have attended Palm Beach County public schools last year, you are already on our mailing list and will receive the booklet automatically.

If you complete an application for lunch benefits and qualify, your child can have a complete lunch meal for free or for a reduced price. Even if your child prefers to bring his or her lunch, qualifying for free or reduced meals may provide additional benefits such as tutoring opportunities, free or low cost field trip fees, free eye glasses and even discounted internet service.

We accept applications for meal benefits both online and by paper. We are often asked why we prefer the online applications over the paper applications. There are many benefits both to the families and to the school. For example, online applications are faster than paper applications. Online applications generally take about three days to be processed. Paper applications can take up to ten days to process, depending on how long they take to get to the School Food Service office from the school. They are also more accurate. The application can be completed from any computer at any time of the day or night.

Does anyone have any questions about our program or about our application process?

Thank you. I will be available after this event to discuss any private questions or concerns you might have.

***** NOTE to the MANAGERS: Tables be decorated to the best of your ability.

