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Hello Parents!

This is a mid-year update from KND's Kitchen! The food service staff at KND School District are still working hard to make sure your child's school meals are not only delicious, but healthy and nutritious! School breakfast and lunches include more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods. School Meal Applications for 2016/2017 are still available on line through the school website, lunchapp.com. There is no limit on how many times to apply for free and reduced lunches. Many things can happen throughout the school year. Paper applications are available in the office or call **Tim Klenow**, 231.477.5353 ext. 2202 for assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Food Service. We are here to help you in any way possible!

***March 6th-10th is National School Breakfast Week! – new breakfast items and prizes all week!!**

Mornings can be hectic! School breakfast is an option when family schedules are rushed or a child is unable to eat early in the morning. Parents can ensure their children are fed before school by using our School Breakfast Program. Even if your child eats breakfast at home, sometimes a long bus ride may make a child hungry by the time the bus arrives at school. KND School District is providing **UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST** to ALL students at KND. School breakfast will be served in the classroom, Monday through Friday. (It doesn't get any easier than that!)*

KND Food Service will again be serving fresh vegetables and fruits from local farms. Your student will be offered lots of fresh fruits and vegetables during the school year from Bare Root Farm, Brethren, Grossnickle Farm, Kaleva, and Farm to Freezer. So far this school year, students have enjoyed Michigan apples, cherries, strawberries, and carrots. We have also served fresh local watermelon and blueberries grown right down the street at Bare Root Farms, thanks to our new Elementary Secretary, Daisy! Food Service will add more choices as the season and opportunity arises.

KND will continue to offer **FREE** after school suppers to the students. This quick supper is for students who are staying after school for SEEDS, sports, clubs, scouts, ski club, after school study hour, or any other academic or enrichment activity.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: KND Food Service is pleased to provide another **OPTION** for parents with regards to paying for school meals. KND School District has partnered with sendmoneytoschool.com. As a parent, you can login to the sendmoneytoschool.com site, using your student's id number and name, find out their balance, deposit money via credit or debit card, and receive low balance emails that YOU set. Remember, this is an option; parents may still send checks and/or cash with their student to school. The cashier will not be able to use your credit/debit card at the register.

Don't forget that nutritious meals are very important for school success. You may not be able to influence your child's favorite subject but you have positive, direct control over their meal selections. You are part of a team that works to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child at school, not only in the classroom and cafeteria, but in after school activities, too. I look forward to a great rest of the school year!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Tim Klenow, Food Service Director