

# Welcome Back Evergreen USD Families

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome Back to School!

We are excited to welcome all of you to a new, fun and exciting 2024/2025 school year. As we embark on another year of learning and growth, we want to take this opportunity to share some important information about our school lunch program.

## ***Important Notification to Parents: Community Eligibility Provision Program 2024-2025***

We are pleased to inform you that Evergreen Union School District will be implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for 2024-2025 School Year. Schools that participate in the CEP are able to provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for all students enrolled in that CEP school during the 2024 – 2025 School Year.

## **Exciting News:**

We have a new Cafe Website!! Here you will be able to get updates on upcoming cafe events, menus, nutrition facts and much more! It is still a work in progress so check back often for new updates! You can go to our new site by clicking the food service department link on [Evergreenusd.org](https://evergreenusd.org) or go to <https://eusdnutrition.com/>.



We are currently working on an expansion project at our elementary school site. We are very excited about the new space our cafe staff will soon have to prepare, store and create new items. At the end of last year we were serving around 300 breakfasts and 500 lunches every day at this site, and as some of you know this cafe was in great need of some TLC. With the help of a few grants we received we are able to do a small but needed upgrade to the kitchen and equipment! That being said, join us in the excitement as our staff is working really hard to make this as easy of a transition as possible! Our Middle school and Bend school will also be getting some new equipment.

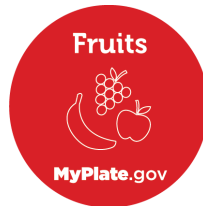
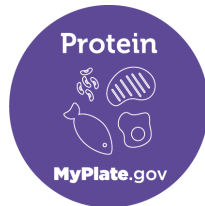
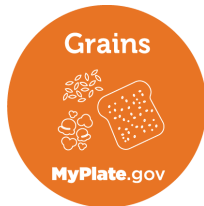
This is an exciting time for us in Lunch Lady Land, so if you see any of our cafe staff congratulate them! They absolutely deserve it! ❤️

## **Lunch Program Overview:**

Our school lunch program is designed to provide students with nutritious and delicious meals that support their academic success and overall well-being. This year, we will again offer the regular lunch menu item or an Uncrustable sack lunch. Please remind students that they need to make sure they choose what they would like to eat, as changing their minds can cause a shortage/excess of meals that may have to be thrown away.

At every meal students must take certain items or items from certain meal components.

Meal Components = Grain, protein also called Meat/Meat Alternate, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk)



This is what they must take:

**Breakfast:** Students must take **3 Items**, 1 of those items must be a fruit or vegetable item.

**Lunch:** Students must take at least **3 meal components** (grain, meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetable or milk) 1 food group has to be a fruit or vegetable.

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### Lunchroom Policies:

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable lunch experience for all students, please take note of the following lunchroom policies:

### Meal Accounts:

Each student will receive a free breakfast and lunch! Meal accounts can be funded online or by sending cash or a check to school for purchasing a Switch Juice or a second breakfast.

- **Cash or Check Payments:** Place cash or check in an envelope with the student's first and last name and the dollar amount clearly written on the envelope. Envelopes can be dropped off at the Cafeteria sites or to the school office.
- **Elementary School and Bend School:** *All cash or check payments* need to be turned in by **Wednesdays** to purchase a Switch Juice on the following **Friday**.

To ensure less waiting time in the service lines, there will be NO cash handling at the registers. Funds must be on your student's account to purchase a Switch Juice or a second breakfast.

## **Food Allergies**

- If your child has any food allergies or special dietary needs, please notify the school nurse and the lunchroom staff as soon as possible.

## **Behavior Expectations**

- We expect all students to demonstrate respectful and responsible behavior in the lunchroom. This includes following the directions of lunchroom staff, cleaning up after themselves, and being kind to their peers.

## **No Outside Food Sharing**

- To protect the health and safety of all students, sharing food is not permitted. This policy helps prevent allergic reactions and ensures that all students consume meals that meet their dietary needs.

## **Special Programs and Events:**

Throughout the school year, we will be hosting special lunchroom events and themed meal days to make lunchtime fun and engaging for students. Stay tuned for announcements about these exciting events!

## **Contact Information:**

If you have any questions or concerns about the school lunch program, please do not hesitate to contact Beth Pulfer at 530-347-3411 ext.7533 or [Bpulfer@evergreenusd.org](mailto:Bpulfer@evergreenusd.org). We are here to support your child's nutritional needs and make lunchtime a positive experience.

We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and healthy meals. Thank you for your continued support of our school lunch program.

Beth Pulfer  
Food Service Director



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SOON!