



Dear Explorer Family:

We are very pleased to start another year with our delicious, healthy lunches from *Banyan Catering* four days a week and pizza one day a week from *Papa Johns*. Full price student lunches are \$4.25 and can be ordered in advance by filling out a "Hot Lunch" and "Pizza" form available in the school office. For those children not pre-registered, hot lunch and pizza will be given on an *emergency basis* for \$5 per lunch in the school office. Depending on your family's income, your student's lunch could be reduced or free. Please look at the chart below to see if you might be eligible.

Why Apply for the Free Lunch Program?

- **Applying helps our schools secure more funding, which results in more resources for teachers supporting your child's learning.**
- The lunches are delicious, and exactly the same as the lunches eaten by other students and teachers.
- If your family qualifies for the lunch program, your students can also get many other benefits -- free bus passes; college entrance exam and college application fee waivers; after school sports scholarships.
- Your family's income and/or residency status will be kept entirely confidential.

If You Have Any Doubts or Questions, Please Ask!

The office is available to help if you have any questions about the lunch program, or if you need help filling out the form. We also have this form available in Spanish. Please ask the front office.

Please review the following *Federal Income Chart* for the school year **2009-10** to determine if your household income falls within the limits for eligibility. **Depending upon where your income falls in the charts below, you may qualify for *reduced* or *free meals*. If you think you qualify, please complete the form on the back including your income level. If your family's income is above the levels shown here, please complete the form located on the back and check the box next to *Section 2*.**

QUAL. FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS			QUALIFICATION FOR FREE MEALS	
Household Size	Yearly		Household Size	Yearly
1	\$20,036		1	\$14,079
2	26,955		2	18,941
3	33,874		3	23,803
4	40,793		4	28,665
5	47,712		5	33,527
6	54,631		6	38,389
7	61,550		7	43,251
8	68,469		8	48,113
Each additional person, add:	6,919		Each additional person, add:	4,862

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete and return the form on the reverse side.

IT IS IMPORTANT! If you filled out this form for another child at different school **we still need you to fill this form out for Explorer!**

Sincerely,

Jill Green
Principal