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**Regional School Unit #34 Food Service** offers a choice of healthy meals each school day, and we work hard to improve those choices and to make them appealing to students. General information is provided here. However, we welcome further inquiries, comments and suggestions, as well as requests for help with food service related issues.

**Meal Prices:** Children may buy lunch for \$2.45 (K-5), \$2.60 (6-8), and \$2.85 (9-12), and breakfast for \$1.50 (K-12). Children who qualify under U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or a reduced price of \$.40 for lunch. Breakfast is served at no charge to students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Documented Food Issues:** If a child has a disability, *as determined by a doctor*, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions *prescribed* by a doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Lactaid, however, may be requested without medical documentation.

**Payments:** Parents with students at Alton Elementary School, Viola Rand Elementary School, and Southern Penobscot Regional Program will need to call their schools for balances. However, students attending Old Town High School, Leonard Middle School, and Old Town Elementary School will be able to access their accounts online.

At [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) you will be able to set up your account, access your balance(s) and make payments. This payment option will allow you to pay as far ahead as you want to. We appreciate positive balances as it helps us to keep food service costs down. *When payments are being made at LMS and OTHS*, please have students pay in the cafeteria prior to the start of school whenever possible. Change will not be given if payment is made during lunch. All funds will be applied to the student's account. Taking payments during lunch slows the line considerably, and takes away from students' lunch time.

**\*\*Please note that students in grades 4 – 12 who are starting the school year with a balance due will not be allowed to charge meals and should bring a lunch from home until the balance owed is paid in full.\*\***

***Free and Reduced Meal Applications:*** Applications will be sent home with students at the beginning of the year, and an application is available on our website. In order to provide uninterrupted benefits we need to have your applications in no later than October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Income guidelines change yearly. Even if you have not qualified in the past, please complete an application and send it to school with your child, or mail it to us at the following address: *RSU #34 Food Service, 156 Oak Street, Old Town, Maine, 04468*. Your qualification will last through the school year unless your financial situation changes and you become qualified for *more* benefits during the year. In that case, please get a new application to us for processing as soon as possible. If your situation improves we will update in the next school year. Free and Reduced Meal Application information, including the final determination of meal status, is kept confidential at all times. Requests by parents to disclose information must be specific, in writing, and submitted directly to the Office of the Food Service Director.