



# Bethel Public Schools

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TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS  
FROM: THERESA YONSKY  
DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES  
RE: SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM  
DATE: AUGUST, 2013

A few years ago we implemented a debit card system for paying for school lunch. The system is designed to allow you to deposit money into your child's account and to deposit funds as far in advance as you would like. We are also able to tell you how your child spent his/her money. This program eliminated the need for your child to keep track of tickets and reduced the amount of time teachers had to spend on non-teaching tasks.

Another option of depositing money into your child's account is via mySchoolBucks. Please visit the website at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

mySchoolBucks offers:

- Safety - Virtually eliminates worries about your child carrying money to school
- Convenience - Make payments when it's convenient for you, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Control- Receive low balance email reminders (set your own limits!)  
Monitor your student's account balances online  
View your student's cafeteria purchases
- Efficiency - Make payments for all your children in one easy step, even if they attend different schools in the district
- Flexibility- Make payments using your VISA®, Master Card® or Discover® credit/debit card  
Option to have payments made automatically each month  
Receive deposit confirmations sent directly to your email account

Money deposited into mySchoolBucks will typically arrive at the school the same day. You can set your low balance settings to remind when it's time to add more money.

Should you encounter any problems with mySchoolBucks and need online support, you may dial 855-832-5226.

If you should decide to use the debit card system, I have attached a form that you can use to deposit funds into your child's account before the start of school. Advanced payments can be mailed to your child's school. Please note on the envelope: Attention School Lunch Program.

Lunch prices are as follows: Bethel High School and Bethel Middle School are \$2.95, Berry/Rockwell/Johnson are \$2.55. The Bethel High School and Bethel Middle School also offer breakfast at \$2.00. You will also be able to send in payments at anytime during the school year. Please remember, you can deposit money as often as you like. We suggest sending a check to cover a minimum of a month at a time. This will reduce your need to send in funds. If there was a balance on your child's account at the end of the school year, it will be carried forward to the new year.

Once the school year begins, you may send the funds directly to the school your child is attending using the attached form. Additional forms are available on our website at: [www.bethel.k12.ct.us](http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us). Click on the "School Lunch Forms and Menus" link.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (203) 794-8603.

