

July 17, 2023

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope all of you are enjoying the sunshine and enjoying your time with friends and family. We would like to share the following information with all of you:

# Parent Survey Closes 7/21

Please take a moment to complete this **parent survey by clicking this link**. Please complete one survey for each child you have at LCS. There are no right or wrong answers. When you respond, please base your responses on your experiences from the 2022 - 2023 school year. The Parent Survey will close on Friday, July 21, 2023. Thank you for your support.

# School Lunch Pricing for the School Year 2023-2024

We would like to provide some information regarding school lunch pricing for next school year. Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) is required pricing by the State of Connecticut for the sale of hot lunches. Because we provided free lunches over the last 2 years, we have not increased our prices. According to the State of Connecticut, the required price increase should be \$3.65. However, because the hot lunch program at LCS has maintained a positive balance, we feel that lowering the price to \$3.50 is a bit more affordable for our families. The School Food Authorities (SFA) agreed. As always, we will maintain the best quality and pricing we can according to all Federal and State rules and regulations. For the 2023-2024 school year, the pricing will be as follows:

- The cost of school breakfast will be \$2.00.
- The cost of school lunch will be \$3.50.
- The cost for a reduced-price breakfast will be 30 cents, and reduced-price lunch will be 40 cents.
- There is no cost for breakfast or lunch for students whose families qualify for free meals.

We encourage families to complete and submit the confidential Free and Reduced Price Meal Application (<u>English</u> - <u>Spanish</u>) to ensure meal benefits are available for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

### LCS PTO Meeting 7/19 and Fundraising Event with Norwich Sea Unicorns

The LCS PTO will meet this Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm in the LCS Cafeteria. We look forward to seeing our parents Wednesday. For more information please visit the LCS PTO Facebook page.

Also, please join us for an incredible evening of family fun and entertainment as the LCS PTO partners with the Norwich Sea Unicorns to watch the Sea Unicorns take on the Nashua Silver Knights on August 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Dodd Stadium. Tickets are \$10.00 each with \$5.00 going to the LCS PTO to support upcoming events. Come watch the game and end the night with a breathtaking fireworks show! Please <u>click this link</u> for more information or visit the <u>LCS PTO</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

### Summer Reading and Math Challenge Reminder

We would like to remind our families that the Summer Reading Challenge and Summer Math Challenge are both taking place this summer.

- <u>CONNECTICUT READS, the 2023 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge</u>, encourages students to read over the summer months. To help support summer reading, the Connecticut State Library's statewide <u>eGo eBook</u> platform is now available through many local public libraries and provides access to digital resources for all ages. Please have your student share their summer reading experience using this journal.
- Involvement in the <u>Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge</u> will support and enhance our efforts to help every student access grade-level content. <u>This year's theme is "Infinite Possibilities with Math."</u>

# Connecticut Summer at the Museum Program

Governor Ned Lamont recently announced that the <u>Connecticut Summer at the Museum</u> program—the popular state program that enables Connecticut children to receive free admission at dozens of museums across the state during the summer months—is returning for 2023 with more than 120 museums statewide participating.

Have a wonderful week. Christopher & Sal