

# *Hanover Township Public Schools*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Lunch begins on the first day of school and it consistently proves to be one of the most important, and sometimes challenging, times of the day! As you ready for the first day, kindly take some of the following into consideration. Additionally, please talk with your child about appropriate lunch and recess behavior and ways to make this time positive.

- A healthy breakfast gets your child off to a great start in the morning. It sets them up for learning for the rest of the day.
- Classes have a “health-break” (snack-time) sometime during the school day, determined by the teacher. Please send in something that is *easy to open and eat*, and which can be consumed in a short period of time. These snacks should be packed separately from the lunch. (The teachers will talk more about this on Back-to-School-Night, Wednesday, September 22, 2021.) Please be mindful of various food allergies (especially to peanuts) when making selections.
- Check with your child, before he/she leaves your home, to make sure he/she has lunch/snack.
- We do not have a working cafeteria and we do not have extra lunches. Families are responsible for sending in a healthy lunch to meet their child’s nutritional needs.
- Microwaves are NOT available for student use. We suggest using a thermos if hot food is desired.
- MTV PTA offers pizza lunch beginning Wednesday, October 06, 2021 for all patrons. Orders must be submitted by Friday, September 10, 2021. Pizza must be preordered and is not available for purchase on pizza day.
- Though our MTV PTA is generous in providing emergency supplies, please send your child to school with all items needed, including utensils (forks and spoons, no knives), plates, and napkins.
- Please refrain from packing glass items in your child’s lunch. While I recognize the environmental advantages of using glass over plastic, we don’t want any students to get hurt if it breaks. (Accidents happen regularly!!!)
- We encourage you to label the inside and outside of your child’s lunch bag (and other items – jackets, hats, etc.). The Lost and Found is located at the main entrance. We discourage you from sending your child to school with electronics. Cell phones must remain in backpacks and students are prohibited from using an Apple Watch to text or call during the school day.
- Due to contact tracing requirements, students will choose a lunch spot and sit in the same spot all year. There are two students, social-distanced apart, to a table. Students will sit by homeroom.
- Face coverings are required indoors. Students, of course, will be able to remove their mask while they are eating.
- Face coverings are optional for outdoor recess but required for indoor recess. On indoor days, students will remain in their homeroom with their homeroom classmates.

We appreciate your cooperation. Kindly reach out with any questions or concerns.

Kindly,  
Carmen Camean, Principal

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