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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to clear up some questions that I have been receiving regarding the new Maschio's Lunch Ticket Program. I apologize in advance, if this new system has caused our families any undue stress. The system seemed quite simple when it was presented to me by our Maschio's coordinator, however, you sometimes can't anticipate all of the possible concerns that occur when a new system is put into place.

The perforated tickets from last year have been changed to the "punch card" system in an effort to reduce the number of lost tickets and to improve upon the tracking system of purchased lunches. If your child purchases tickets, the punch card indicates the number of allotted lunches, and the cafeteria personnel use a hole puncher to represent a purchased lunch.

My children's school district is utilizing the same program, so I can understand some of your questions about sending in money separately for each child. You do not need to write multiple checks to get tickets for all of your children. Enclose your payment in one envelope and label the envelope "Lunch Tickets". With your payment, please indicate the number of tickets per child that you would like to purchase. Please include your child(ren)'s first and last name, as well as their homeroom(s). I usually pay by check so that I can keep track of what I have purchased. In the memo section on the check, I include how to distribute the purchased tickets for both of my children.

Some families liked having the tickets so that they could keep track of purchased lunches, however, in the shuffle of every day papers between home and school, there were many lost tickets in years past. The cafeteria personnel are not sending the ticket home to help prevent the "lost ticket" issue. However, if you purchase tickets you will get an envelope sent home from the cafeteria, indicating the number of tickets that you have purchased for each child. This will serve as a receipt of purchase.

The cafeteria personnel will also provide a notice to families indicating when a child has 2 remaining lunches on their punch card. This will be sent home to you, so that you are aware of when to re-purchase tickets for your children. Our teachers are only responsible to distribute the punch cards for those students who are purchasing lunch each day. They also will make sure that money is collected in the morning for lunch ticket purchase (Make every effort to send in lunch ticket purchases on Mondays). If you have any questions regarding your child(ren)'s lunch tickets, you make contact our cafeteria personnel at 637-4041 ext. 227.

I hope that this letter has clarified how the lunch ticket program operates. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 637-4351.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hamblin