



Marshfield Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children of all ages perform better in school when they start the day with a balanced breakfast. Research has shown that students who eat breakfast not only excel academically, but are also more likely to be positively engaged in social, community, and extracurricular activities. Schools that implement breakfast programs see improvements in health, attendance, behavior, and test scores. Breakfast is so essential for student learning and well-being that both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) provide reimbursement to public schools that serve breakfast. ***Beginning on the first day of school of the coming school year, we will begin a BREAKFAST PROGRAM at ALL Marshfield Elementary Schools.***

BREAKFAST will be available for students at Martinson and South River from 8:10-8:20 in the cafeteria and for students at Daniel Webster, Governor Winslow and Eames Way from 8:40-8:50. Procedures may vary from school to school, however students will be given sufficient time to eat their breakfast either in the cafeteria or their classroom. The ***BREAKFAST PROGRAM*** will consist of a choice of offerings including milk, cereal bars, granola bars, muffins, fruit, and gluten free options. The cost of breakfast will be \$2.00. Breakfast will be provided at no cost for students who apply and qualify for free lunch and at a cost of \$.30 for those that qualify for reduced lunch. Similar to lunch, students will be able to pay for breakfast by cash, check (made out to the Town of Marshfield) or through the preferred point of sale system at www.myschoolbucks.com. We are excited about the implementation of a ***BREAKFAST PROGRAM*** at ALL Marshfield Elementary Schools.

A reminder that the BREAKFAST PROGRAM is also offered at Furnace Brook Middle School at early drop off from 7:10-7:45 and at Marshfield High School from 7:00-9:45. More information will be forthcoming as the school year approaches. Please feel free to contact Irene Ekstrom, the Director of the School Nutrition Department, at iekstrom@mpsd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Granatino
Superintendent of Schools