

# UMASD- Bridgeport Elementary School



## Welcome to Food Service 2024-25

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Please visit the Food Service Department page of the district website ([UMASD.org](http://UMASD.org)), then click on "Departments", then click on "Food Service") to find breakfast and lunch menus and answers to many of your Food Service questions.

Bridgeport Elementary School is a "Community Eligibility Provision" School which means that all students are free for Breakfast and Lunch for the school year and households do not need to do anything. All students need to do is come in for breakfast and order lunch in the classrooms and enjoy our meals!

If you have students at other UMASD schools (any of the other Elementary Schools, the Middle School or the High School) please be sure to read the Welcome Letter for those schools, because the rules and steps involved are quite different.

### Scanners at the Registers

Food Service uses scanners at the registers. This means that students need a barcode when they purchase anything from the cafeteria. Elementary students have at least 2 ID cards with their name and barcodes on it with their ID #. One card is used at lunch and is managed in the buildings. The 2nd card is needed for any student who is going to get breakfast. The card should be pinned/connected via lanyard on the inside/outside backpacks or in the holder that some of the schools use for dismissal info. This will ensure that the card is available for the breakfast line. You can help by discussing with your students that when they are in line for breakfast they should start getting the card available to the cashier to scan it. Food Service will not remove the card- just scan it in place so it will be available the next morning. The ID cards that come with school pictures may also be used at the registers. Since your students's ID never changes they can continue to use their old cards each year for this purpose. Incoming Kindergartners will get these cards when school starts.

### **Please Read on for Additional Important Food Service Information...**

The Food Service Department's primary goal is to provide your child with healthy, attractive, and tasty meals which comply with all state and federal nutritional guidelines and regulations.

Following the standards of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, most of our grain based products such as bread, pizza crusts, and sub rolls are whole grain rich, all milk is low-fat or fat free and we do not fry any foods. Please strongly encourage your child to take complete balanced meals that include fruits, vegetables, and milk.

Starting off the day with a good breakfast helps your child stay alert and focused in class which improves academic performance. Please remember that a complete breakfast is available at every school. Check the website for menus.

Follow this link to read an article about the significant changes to children's diets that have been made by the National School Lunch Program and individual school's Food Service Departments:

<https://sph.washington.edu/news-events/news/obama-era-school-nutrition-policy-led-better-diets-students-faces-changes>

The UMASD Food Service Department is here to serve the students, so please feel free to contact me anytime with compliments, concerns, questions, or suggestions at 610-205-8804 or [pbartlett@umasd.org](mailto:pbartlett@umasd.org).

Have a great 2023-24 school year!

Penny Bartlett, Food Service Supervisor

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