

TONKA FRESH

A Monthly Newsletter from Minnetonka Nutrition Services

May 2026

Welcome to Tonka Fresh, the official newsletter of Minnetonka Nutrition Services! We have officially made it to the last newsletter of the school year! It has been another record year in our department, with the highest percentage of Minnetonka students to ever join us for school meals. We kicked off this month by celebrating our kitchen staff that made it all possible! Interested in learning what happens to your student's meal account? Check out the last section of the newsletter for more information.

School Lunch Hero Day: Celebrating the Heroes that Nourish Minnetonka Students



On Friday, May 1st, did you see some of your favorite kitchen staff wearing a blue cape? Although our heroes typically wear their capes in the front (otherwise known as aprons), some of our kitchens decided to dress up like the heroes they truly are!

The first Friday in May each year marks National School Lunch Hero Day. Our School Lunch Heroes are the dedicated individuals that show up each day to prepare delicious and nutritious meals for our students, and we are honored to celebrate their hard work. They make sure Minnetonka students have the proper fuel to succeed each school day, and they do it with passion and care. A huge thank you to our School Lunch Heroes that prepare and serve our student's meals everyday, we appreciate you!

Local Spotlight: Richland Hills Apples are a Breakfast Staple

Richland Hills apple slices are a staple on our breakfast menus, but did you know that these apples are grown locally? Offered as a fresh fruit option with breakfast every day, apples provide a nutritious and fresh start to students' day.



These tasty apples are packaged fresh from the 65 acre Richland Hills orchard right across the border in Wisconsin. This amazing family-owned company prioritizes feeding K-12 students with their support of the National Farm to School Program. Their dedication to providing school districts with fresh apples, grown in the rich soils of Southwestern Wisconsin is evident in the high quality apples we receive each week. We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Richland Hills for next school year providing Minnetonka students with their delicious apples.

End of Year Meal Account Information: Next Steps As We Transfer Into Summer



As we wrap up the school year, many families have questions regarding the funds in their students' meal accounts.

Graduating 2026 Seniors:

- On **June 2nd** you will receive an email with information on how to close your Senior's meal account. There are several options to pick from that will fit your family's needs.

Students in Kindergarten through 11th grade:

- Meal account balances will automatically transfer over to next school year. There is nothing that parents need to do for this process to occur. Any monetary balance, positive or negative, that is leftover in a student's meal account after the end of the school day on June 10th, will be the balance the account will start with for the school year.
- For families with multiple students who would like to transfer funds to another student's account, please complete this [form](#). Your request will be processed within two weeks.
- For families that would like a refund of your student's meal account balance, please complete this [form](#). Your request will be processed within two weeks.

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