Each student has their own lunch account for the Lin-Wood Public School cafeteria. Per Lin-Wood School Policy: "EF-R School Meal Charging & Payment", payments to the student food service accounts may be made by cash*, check* or via MySchoolBucks® online payment system. It is the responsibility of each household to maintain a positive balance in their student's food service account. A la carte food items or incomplete, non-reimbursable meals will not be allowed to be purchased if a student has a negative account balance.

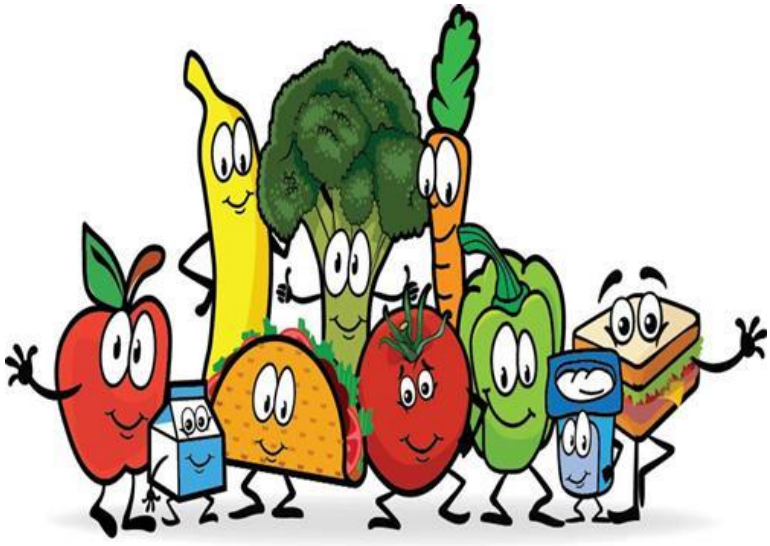
Enclosed is information regarding opening a MySchoolBucks® account for your student(s). Here are some additional tips and information regarding the MySchoolBucks® app.

1) There is a transaction fee for adding money through the online MySchoolBucks® program. The fee is: **$3.75 per deposit transaction** for CARD payments (Debit or Credit, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX) and **$2.75 for e-checks**.

   The fee is **per transaction**, and not per student. This means that parents of multiple students can add up to **$150 per student**, on **all students**, for a **Single fee**. For example, a parent of 3 can add up to $450 in a single transaction for a single fee of $3.75 or $2.75, depending on payment method.

2) Parents can view what their student is purchasing in the cafeteria with a MySchoolBucks® account.
3) Families can receive low balance reminders and choose to transfer funds between students online in MySchoolBucks®.

4) With AutoPay, parents can have funds automatically added on a schedule or when balances are low.
5) **If you want to avoid the online card payment transaction fee**, consider sending in a check payable to “Lin-Wood Foodservice” for your student’s account. As long as you have the MySchoolBucks® online account, you can still view the purchases by your student and still receive the low alert and view account balances. You do not get charged for having an account. The (transaction) fee is just for adding money directly to your students account online.
6) Contact Food Service Director Darlene Stokowski for more information. dstokowski@lin-wood.org



*Note – if paying by cash or check, please clearly identify which student account the payment should be applied to. If sending it in with your child, make sure it is in a secured payment envelope with the student information clearly identified.

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