



# Wheatland Crossing School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to share that our Coyote Kitchen is fully operational for the 2017/2018 school year. With that, we are very fortunate to be part of a special Alberta Education program and **have received a grant to provide free lunches, starting September 11, to all of our elementary aged students (grades K-6) every day for the school year.** This grant, *although for this year only*, allows us to develop a lunch program that benefits our students and families and ensures all students have access to a nutritional option at Wheatland Crossing.

We would like to share the following important information items about our program.

- Elementary students will be eating during a new staggered lunch hour (K-2 11:40 and 3-6 12:05) and will be eating in our common area together during those times.
- The lunch menu will follow a monthly calendar that will be shared in advance. While we will do our best to ensure that we stay on that calendar, we may need to alter due to unforeseen circumstances. Any updates will be communicated through our website and Facebook account.
- Students who don't like a lunch menu item will need to pack their lunches as there will be no other choices on that day.
- Students will still need snacks for morning and afternoon recess as our grant only covers lunch.
- At this time, students/parents will not need to pre order lunches. Students only need to be in the lunchroom area and they will receive their free lunch.
- **The free lunch program will start MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11 (See Attached Monthly Menu)**

We have hired Yvonne Comstock, an experienced local food services expert to help us in our Coyote Kitchen. We hope to provide a wide variety of lunches throughout the month and school year. We understand that this will be a learning opportunity for us, and ask for patience as we work with Yvonne, our staff, and our students in taking full advantage of this one year program that Alberta Education has provided. If your child has severe food allergies, please share with your classroom teacher and we will work to ensure that they are not exposed unnecessarily. Please note, we are not set up to provide alternative meals for the variety of allergens that exist.

If you have students in Jr/Sr High school, they will have the option to buy the daily special for \$5.00 or they may also buy other items like homemade fresh soup, sandwiches, wraps and other daily items. Once again, from all our team, we are excited about this upcoming opportunity for our school and look forward to developing this for all of our students!

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