

November 9, 2023

Dear Link Families,

November is traditionally the month where many of us implement a gratitude practice. I find this is such a simple way for me to notice those positive things around me, to appreciate the small acts of kindness that are often shown to me, and to also have gratitude for the “big things,” which for me includes good health for myself and those close to me.

We just observed Veterans Day with a special program this morning, and I am certainly grateful to those who served and are currently serving in our country's Armed Forces. It was a pleasure to honor, celebrate and thank those veterans right from our own Link family! Many thanks to the Fraino family for donating a new US flag which proudly flies in front of our school as a symbol of our country and our values of liberty and justice for all.

Our PTA has had, and will continue to have, fundraisers to support our school. Thank you for your support of these activities. Please visit their website for more information ([dinalinkpta.org](http://dinalinkpta.org)) and to become a member if you are not already.

As previously communicated by a district email, all elementary students will be able to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge for the remainder of the school year. The universal free meal program will begin on **November 13, 2023**.

**Please note:**

- Free meals are only at our elementary schools and Birchwood School. Free meals do not extend to siblings at a secondary school.
- This program only allows for one free breakfast and lunch per day.
- A la carte items are not included in this program but are still available for purchase.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Food Service Department at 845-639-6546.

As we do go outside as much as possible (recess, PE, lunch), thank you for checking that your child is dressed appropriately for the temperature of the day. Having a coat or jacket is essential and will ensure that they are comfortable for outdoor activities. We are now into November, and the weather this week has certainly reminded me that the seasons are in flux - I had to find a heavier jacket for my early morning walks with the dog!

Best wishes to all for a pleasant weekend. **There is no school on Friday (November 10)**, but next week is a full week.

Sincerely,  
Mary Bish, Principal

