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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school! As our new year begins, I want to share with you some of the services we offer through our on-line payment system and on-line free and reduced price lunch applications.

The on-line payment system can be accessed through our Child Nutrition Website: www.amorypanthercafe.com. You will need to contact the Child Nutrition office to receive the access code for your child. Simply call 662-256-3576 and speak with Tracey Long or email her at tlong@amoryschools.com. Tracey will walk you through the process of getting set up to take advantage of this service. Through the on-line payment system you will be able to monitor your child's cafeteria account balance and make payments by Check, Debit card or Credit card. There is a nominal fee for each payment transaction, however; there is not a fee to check your child's account balance. You will be given the fee amounts in the set up process.

The on-line free and reduced meal applications may also be accessed through your Child Nutrition Website. You will find on the Home page a link to on-line applications. Click and follow the instructions.

The Amory Panther Café website can be very helpful to parents and students alike. Menus for each school are posted there each month as well as nutrition information, contact information for the district office and each school cafeteria. You will also find each school cafeteria manager's photo and phone numbers listed.

As a part of a nationwide effort to improve student health, The Amory School District Food Service has implemented the updated nutrition standards that are a key part of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The new USDA Nutrition Standards will build on the positive changes we have been making for years. We will continue to offer a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as whole grain breads and low fat or fat free milk. We recognize the critical connection between good health and success in the classroom. We know that children who are well nourished are better able to concentrate and learn in the classroom.

Should your child require a special diet, please contact the School Food Service Office for the correct forms that your doctor will need to complete. These forms must be filled out and returned to the cafeteria manager each school year. **The diets will not be altered until the new form is completed by your doctor and returned to the cafeteria manager.**

Students must have an application approved and on file to receive Free or Reduced Price meals. These applications must have been filled out after July 27, 2016. If you have not completed the new application, one is enclosed in this packet for your convenience. Reminder: Only one application per family is required – all of your children can be listed on one application. The color of the new application for this school year is **Green and White**. **No other color application will be accepted.** Also, please make sure that you complete all required fields on the application (which include your signature and social security number at the bottom of the application). Applications not completed will be returned to you and can delay processing.

Meal prices for students this year will be as follows: (Full Price: Lunch \$2.75; Breakfast \$1.50 and Reduced Price: Lunch \$.40 and Breakfast \$.30). Adult meals for this year will be \$3.50 for lunch and \$2.00 for breakfast. Please think of your child's account as a "bank" account. All money that is sent needs to be placed in a lunch envelope. You may obtain these from our office, the school office, or your homeroom teacher. We will accept these before school and at breakfast. No money will be taken during lunch service. No change will be given during meal service, so please have correct change or we will add the money to your child's account. Any money that is placed (or deposited) in your child's account remains there and is deducted as food purchases are made. We encourage you to place extra money in your child's account for any extra foods that they may wish to purchase. This will help to avoid problems that may arise due to our charge policy. Please refer to the charge policy below:

Amory School District Child Nutrition Payment and Charge Policy

Amory School District accepts online meal payment thru myschoolbucks.com. From this secure site parents can pay for meals or just check a student's account balance any time day or night for the last 30 calendar days. A student ID# is required to access the system the first time. This can be obtained from the student's school office or the Amory School District Child Nutrition Office. Payments may also be made at each cafeteria and pre-payments are encouraged.

Students in grades K-12 may charge a meal if the need arises. The charge limit is the equivalent of 2 days of meals. If the student exceeds the limit, the alternative meal of vegetables, fruit and milk will be offered for a period of 3 days. At the end of this 3 day period no more meals will be offered. Efforts will be made to contact the parents before the alternative meal is given. Extra food items and extra meals will not be charged. It is the parent's responsibility to make certain their child has money.

No Adult meals will be charged.

Any questions or problems regarding your child's account may be directed to the cafeteria manager at your child's school. I have listed the manager's name and phone numbers below for your convenience. And you can also find this information on our website, www.amorypanthercafe.com.

Again, our office is available for any questions or problems you may have. We look forward to serving you this school year. Welcome back and have a great year!

Sincerely,

Steve Stockton, Food Service Administrator

School	Manager	Phone Number
West Amory	Debra Pruitt	256-4480
East Amory	Patti Harlow	257-9989
Amory Middle	Annette Dykes	256-4917
Amory High	Rita Vaughan	256-1448

Non Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. To file a complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter by mail to: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax the form to: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."