

Dear OES Parents,

Each year we have parents who occasionally would like to visit Oakton to have lunch with their children. As we begin a new school year, several new lunch room policies have been set in place. In an effort to support your children, it is important that everyone is aware of them.

- ☺ **Safety:** In the interest of student safety, we ask that you do not include sodas, glass bottles, or fruit/dessert snacks in a metal pop-top container.
- ☺ **Independence:** It is extremely helpful to supervising staff if students are able to open their own packaging and containers.
- ☺ **Supplies:** With the current budget cuts that have been put into effect, the food services department is only able to offer condiments and supplies (napkins, spoons, forks, knives) to those students purchasing a school lunch. Lunches brought from home should include those items that the student will need to eat their meal.
- ☺ **Home or School Lunches:** We ask that you refrain from bringing in outside restaurant food should you wish to join your student for lunch. This competes with the FCPS Food Services and we would prefer that you purchase a school lunch or bring one from home.
- ☺ **Sharing Food:** Due to food allergies and concerns about other students' feelings, please bring a lunch for only you and your child.
- ☺ **Lunch with You Child:** Please take one of the extra chairs located at the front supply table to where you would like to sit. There are a designated number of chairs for each class and this will assure seating for all of our students. We would appreciate you returning the chair at the end of your visit.
- ☺ **Guest Pass:** Upon signing in at the office, you will receive a "guest pass" that will remind you of these new requests. We hope you will assist us in providing a positive lunch experience for all.

Thank you,

Bev & Keith

