

Comal Independent School District

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Lunch Money Now will make cafeteria transactions easier for parents

Comal ISD has implemented "Lunch Money Now," an addition to new point-of-sale software the district is using provided by Systems Design.

Systems Design specializes in food service management programs for school nutritional programs.

Lunch Money Now permits parents to access their student's cafeteria account free of charge via the Internet.

"This will help parents have a better view of their child's eating habits so we're definitely excited about it," said Phyllis Carvalho, Comal ISD Child Nutrition Senior Associate.

Parents will be able to view their student's account balance, view and print the student's recent purchase history and make deposits to their child's meal account using a debit or credit card.

Deposits carry a \$2.50 convenience fee and are usually credited to a student's account within 30 minutes of the transaction.

If a parent has more than one student attending Comal ISD schools, Lunch Money Now allows deposits to multiple accounts with a single credit or debit card transaction.

Parents are also able to subscribe for e-mail warnings when their child's account dips below a specified level.

"It's a very convenient and safe way to keep track of your child's cafeteria account," said Dianna Tidwell, Comal ISD Director of Dining Services. "The transactions are processed with the strongest identity authentication available today so we know our parents can feel secure. We're very happy to be joining 130 other school districts around the country currently using Lunch Money Now."

Click on the "Child Nutrition Information" button on the right side of Comal ISD's Internet home page for a direct link to Lunch Money Now.

The new meal prices for the 2011-12 school year will be \$2.25 for elementary meals and \$2.50 for secondary meals, up five cents from 2010-11.

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IN PHOTO: Morningside Elementary student Marc Villanueva is happy with his healthy choice as he picks out a pear to have at lunchtime at the Kid Stop Café last school year. Parents will have an easier time funding their child's meal account and keeping track of their eating habits with "Lunch Money Now."