

July 2024

Dear Rousseau families,

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer vacation with your friends and families. This time of year is magical and a perfect time to create memories with your children. I can't wait to have them back in the building in August to hear all the wonderful stories and see their smiling faces.

I can't tell you how excited I am to be entering my second year as principal at Rousseau. When I started here a year ago, so many people told me what a special place Rousseau is. Now that I have worked with so many of you and your children, I know it's true.

This summer we have been planning for several events throughout the school year. Below is important information for the upcoming school year. I hope it provides you the content you need to to be informed and answer any questions.

Welcome to our New Staff:

Taylor Mitchell: 2nd Grade
Kaylee Shafer: Creative Specialists/Computer
Kiley Noerrlinger: Special Education

Staff in New Positions:

Danica Canaday: 4th Grade



Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time	Details
July 30th & 31st	Kindergarten Jump Start	9:00-11:00	Only for incoming kindergarten
July 31st	Kindergarten Parent Orientation	9:30-11:00	Kindergarten Parents/Guardians
August 8th	Open House	5:30-6:30	Parents/guardians, bring your child to meet their teacher
August 12th	First Day of School	8:55-3:38	Full day of school

			all week
August 17th	First Day of Preschool	Morning: 8:15–11:45 Afternoon: 12:00–3:30	

Important Times Throughout the Year:

Event	Time	Details
Breakfast Begins	8:35	Enter through Door 1
Students Arrive at School	8:50	Kindergarteners: Door 1 1st–5th Grade: Playground
First Bell Rings	8:55	Students need to be entering the building.
Late Bell Rings/Instruction Begins	9:00	Students enter door 1 and check in at the office to get a late pass.
School Dismisses	3:38	Students dismiss out their assigned doors- listed below.

Additional Information for Upcoming Events:

Classroom Teacher Assignments:

On August 7th all LPS families are able to see who their child's teacher is through ParentVue. No postcards will be mailed out.

Open House: August 8th from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

- Parents/guardians, bring their children in to meet their teacher.
- If you would like to make a donation, check out our teacher wish list found on Rousseau website.
- Please complete the following forms before the first day of school:
 - Before and After School Plan: [Complete on-line from summer](#)
 - Student Directory opt out form: [Complete on-line](#)
 - Free and Reduced Lunch Application: [complete on-line](#)
 - LPS Volunteer Form: [complete on-line](#)(if you haven't in the last 3 years)

First Week of School: Monday, August 12th – Friday, August 16th.

- 8:35–8:55 a.m. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria.
- 8:50–8:55 a.m. Students not eating breakfast:
 - Kindergarteners will line up by door 1
 - 1st – 5th grade will line up on the playground
- **Students who are not eating breakfast should not arrive prior to 8:50.**

- 9:00 a.m. school begins. Students are counted as tardy at 9:00. Have your child at school by 8:55 so they have time to transition to class.
- 3:38 p.m. school dismisses.
- **No early release days this year**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of our students, families and staff, please follow these procedures for arrival and dismissal.

Arrival Times

- If students are eating breakfast at school, they may enter door #1 at 8:35. There is no supervision until that time.
- Breakfast–Served between 8:35–8:55 a.m.
- The Rousseau campus will be closed until 8:50 a.m. No supervision is available unless they are going to breakfast.
- 8:50–8:55
 - Kindergarteners will line up by door 1
 - 1st – 5th grade will line up on the playground. Due to safety concerns, no parents are allowed on the playground during this time.
- Students arriving at the building after 9:00 a.m. must go to door #1
- School begins at 9:00 a.m.

Traffic Flow

So many great changes have been made with our drop off and pick-up areas. Safety is our primary concern. One important aspect of safety is traffic flow during critical drop-off and pick-up times. The success of our plan is dependent on adherence to our new procedures. Here are the things you need to know:



Arrival Procedures

Parents can drop off their children in two areas in front of the school. One of them is the cut-out area on 33rd Street. The other is the drive-through lane on school property.

- Cut-out area on 33rd Street:
 - Parents will need to be watchful when going into the drive-through lane on 33rd.
 - If there is not a drop-off space open by the sidewalk to let their child exit the car, the parent will need to circle around the block.
- Drive-through lane on school property:

- Please have your child ready to exit the car on the right side.
- Parents should not get out of the car.
- Traffic needs to keep flowing in this lane.
- Pull up as far as possible.
- Pay attention to the staff directing traffic and follow their directions.
- Cars will not be allowed to double park in the drive through lane.
- Please do not block the north parking lot.
- If a parent/guardian is needing to get out of their vehicle, they will need to use a parking space in the north parking lot or along the streets where parking is allowed.
- There are two parking lots for staff. (South side of the drive-through lane and the west side of the school) Parents are not allowed to enter the staff parking lots to drop off or pick up students.
- Do not use the bus lane on Calvert street. It is reserved for buses, daycares and students with special needs.
- DO NOT LET CHILDREN OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.
- DO NOT CROSS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.
- Use the crosswalk.
- 8:50-8:55
 - Kindergarteners will line up by door 1
 - 1st - 5th grade will walk the walking path

Dismissal Procedures

- Teachers will escort all students out their designated exit door at 3:38 p.m.
- All students must go directly home, to daycare, or to a school sanctioned activity after dismissal.
- Parents should arrange to pick up their child(ren) outside at the same location each day.
- Students who are not picked up will be brought back in the building at 3:45.
- Phone calls will be made if a child is still at school past 3:45 for any reason.
- If there is an emergency, parents are required to call if they will be late picking up their child or if there is a change of plans
- Our School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use by Family Service and clubs.

Dismissal Locations

- Before the first day, please make plans with your child where they should meet after school.
- If you have multiple children, designate a meeting place or plan.
- Here are the doors each grade level will dismiss from:

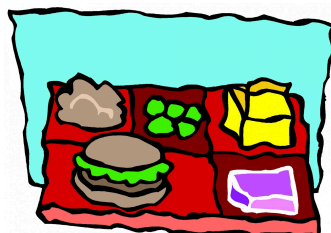
Grade	Door	Location
K	1	East Side of the Building
1st	13	North Side of the Building
2nd	10 & 1	Sostad & Davies: Door 10 Mitchell & Bohac: Door 1
3rd	9	North Side of the Building
4th	3	Dismiss out the South Side
5th	2	Dismiss out the South Side



Lunch Schedules:

Below are the assigned times for grade level lunches.

Kdg	11:00-11:30
1 st Grade	11:15-11:45
2 nd Grade	11:30-12:00
3 rd Grade	11:45-12:15
4 th Grade	12:25-12:55
5 th Grade	12:05-12:35



Guests are allowed to come in for lunch. If you would like to eat lunch with your child, please complete the following:

- Call the school office by 10:00 to inform them you are coming.
- Let us know if you are eating school lunch.
- If you are eating school lunch, please bring an exact amount as we can't make change.
- You may bring lunch for your child only.
- You may not bring lunch for another child.
- If another guest is going to eat with your child, please call the office to allow permission.
- Lunch CANNOT be delivered by an outside establishment. (Jimmy Johns, Grub Hub...)

- Due to safety reasons, parents/guests are not allowed to attend recess after lunch.

Before and After School Care

Before and after school care is available to families at Rousseau School for a fee through Family Service by calling (402)441-7949. Other center-based and home daycares are located in the neighborhood. Information is available on the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department website or by calling (402) 441-8026.

Communication

School Messenger will be the main communication between school and families, as well as our [Rousseau Website](#) and the [Rousseau Facebook page](#). The Rousseau Ram Report is a monthly newsletter that will be sent to families electronically.

Student Handbook

You will be receiving a paper copy of the student handbook (calendar) the first week of school. Here is a digital copy as a reference as well. It is also found on the LPS website.

Important Information Booklet

Each year Lincoln Public Schools provides all our families with a compilation of what we call the **"Important Information Booklet,"** a collection of essential and helpful guidelines, rules, procedures and tips for your students in the coming school year. There will be a postcard in the summer mailing packet with more information. You can find the [Important Information Booklet](#) on the LPS webpage.

On the same webpage as Important Information, parents also will find links to school student handbooks and common practices for elementary, middle and high schools. We believe this will be a more effective and useful process for all our families, as well as serve as a wise use of school district resources.

The following areas are in the "Important Information Handbook" that I want to remind you of.

- **Birthday Invitations-**Classrooms recognize birthdays in a variety of ways. Students are not allowed to bring birthday treats (edible or non edible). Please do not send gifts, party favors, balloons, or flowers. These items will not be delivered to classrooms. Invitations will not be distributed during the school day. Teachers should be notified ahead of time if a student has invitations to distribute after school. Phone numbers and addresses cannot be distributed by any school personnel. Rousseau staff will not be available to help distribute these after school because they are



supervising students. If parents would like addresses for students, they may contact the office and purchase a directory for \$5.

- **Pets**—For the safety and well-being of students, parents, community members and staff, pets/personal companion animals are not allowed to be brought on school grounds when students are present except in accordance with Policy 3972. Having your pet in the car with you or waiting off school property when you pick up your child is acceptable.



- **CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – Cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices are considered nuisance items if heard or used during the school day. If personal electronic devices are brought to school, they should be kept in their backpack, locker, or location designated by school staff during the school day. Smart watches can be worn as long as they are used as a standard watch. If smart watches are used for any other function, they will be treated the same as other personal electronic devices, and the student will be asked to keep the device in a backpack, locker, or other location designated by school staff. The school is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen devices. Please note that it is unlawful, and therefore prohibited on school grounds, to take a picture or record audio or video of another person without their consent. Please note that it is unlawful, and therefore prohibited on school grounds, to take a picture or record audio or video of another person without their consent. If your child needs to bring their cell phone to school, they are welcome to bring it to the office and we will keep it safe for them.



We look forward to partnering with you as your child(ren) continues their education at Rousseau. I will be in contact with you as we receive more information about the 2024-2025 school year. Feel free to call Rousseau at (402)436-1165 or email me at mjochum@lps.org with any questions.

Take care and be well,
Monica Jochum
Rousseau Elementary Principal



Roussau Elementary School

BACK TO SCHOOL

Open House

August 8, 2024
5:30pm - 6:30pm



Please join us at Rousseau for an evening with the following opportunities available to students and families.



Aug
8th

- Meet Your Teacher – Teachers and staff will be at the school to introduce themselves to students.
- Find Your New Classroom – The building will be open for students and families to locate new home rooms.
- Practice Your Safe Route to School
- Meet the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) – PTO board members will be on hand to greet you, answer questions, and help you learn more about the PTO.

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3701 South 33rd Street

<http://wp.lps.org/rousseau/>

402.436.1165



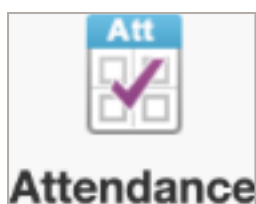


How to Save Time: Report Absences in ParentVUE!

Parents, save yourself a phone call/email by using ParentVUE before 9:00 a.m. to report full-day absences for your student(s). Select the absence type and add details if needed. *Partial-day absences still require a phone call/email to the office to specify what time your child will be gone.*

If using ParentVUE via the web:

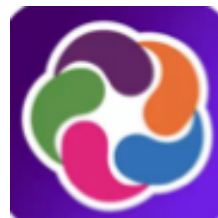
Select the appropriate student in the upper left corner. Click on the "Attendance" button.



Then click the blue "Report Absence" button to enter the date(s) and reason for the absence(s).

 Report Absence

If using the ParentVUE App (Phones/Tablets):



Select the appropriate student and click the blue "Report Absence" button to enter the date(s) and reason for the absence(s).

 Report Absence

Donation and School Supply List

Lincoln Public Schools provides all necessary school supplies. Below are **suggested** donations and personal school supplies **Due to LPS District policy, hand sanitizer must be Purell or Germ-X, contain at least 60% alcohol and unscented. Disinfecting wipes must be Clorox.**

Kindergarten

- Kleenex
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Crayola crayons - 24 count
- Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils
- Expo black fine tip dry erase markers
- Crayola fine line markers - 10 pack
- Crayola broad line markers - 10 pack
- Clorox wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Play-Doh 4 pack - 4 oz can



1st Grade

- Kleenex
- Expo black fine tip markers
- Glue sticks and liquid glue
- Stickers
- Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils
- Highlighters
- Gel pens
- Crayola construction paper
- Prize box donations
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer



2nd Grade

- Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils
- Expo medium point black dry erase markers
- Crayola 24 pack crayons
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Prize box donations



3rd Grade

- Ticonderoga # 2 yellow pencils - sharpened
- Expo medium point black dry erase markers
- Prizes (fun erasers, bracelets, fancy pens, fidgets)
- Fine tip black expo markers
- Ziploc baggies (sandwich, gallon or quart)
- Composition notebooks-wide ruled (not spiral)
- Scented stickers
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex



4th Grade

Classroom contributions of kleenex, Ticonderoga #2 pencils - sharpened, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes and Expo thin dry erase markers are always appreciated if you would like to contribute. Below is a list of supplies that students in 4th grade classrooms will use this year.

- 4 poly-material two pocket folders (no prongs as they will be 3 hole punched)
- One wide ruled composition notebook (100 pages, not spiral)
- 1" three ring binder (No trapper keeper)



5th Grade

Classroom contributions of kleenex, Ticonderoga #2 pencils-sharpened, Expo black markers, clorox wipes and hand sanitizer are always appreciated if you would like to contribute. Below is a list of supplies that students in 5th grade classrooms will use this year.

- 1 zipper pencil pouch
- 3 plastic pocket folders
- 2-spiral or composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Checking pens



Health Office

- Kleenex
- Flexible fabric bandaids - 1"x3"



Office

- Kleenex



Rousseau Schedule 2024-2025

Gr./Time	Special	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Grade 3					
9:45-10:35	PE	Yount	D. Johnson	Carlson	Kramer
	Music	D. Johnson	Carlson	Kramer	Yount
	Media	Carlson	Kramer	Yount	D. Johnson
	Art/Tech	Kramer	Yount	D. Johnson	Carlson
Grade 5					
10:40-11:30	PE	Sinclair	McDonald	R.Johnson	Lashley
	Music	McDonald	R.Johnson	Lashley	Sinclair
	Media	R.Johnson	Lashley	Sinclair	McDonald
	Art/Tech	Lashley	Sinclair	McDonald	R. Johnson
Grade 4					
11:35-12:25	PE	Trobee	Mitchell	Randazzo	Canaday
	Music	Mitchell	Randazzo	Canaday	Trobee
	Media	Randazzo	Canaday	Trobee	Mitchell
	Art/Tech	Canaday	Trobee	Mitchell	Randazzo
Grade 2					
12:55-1:45	PE	T. Mitchell	Bohac	Davies	Sostad
	Music	Bohac	Davies	Sostad	T. Mitchell
	Media	Davies	Sostad	T. Mitchell	Bohac
	Art/Tech	Sostad	T. Mitchell	Bohac	Davies
Grade K					
1:50-2:40	PE	Bowen	Embree	Anderson	Callahan
	Music	Embree	Anderson	Callahan	Bowen
	Media	Anderson	Callahan	Bowen	Embree
	Art/Tech	Callahan	Bowen	Embree	Anderson
Grade 1					
2:45-3:35	PE	Marcelino	Bergstrom	Bui	Daffer
	Music	Bergstrom	Bui	Daffer	Marcelino
	Media	Bui	Daffer	Marcelino	Bergstrom
	Art/Tech	Daffer	Marcelino	Bergstrom	Bui
Specialist Lunch 12:25-12:55	Specialist Plan 8:55-9:45				

ROUSSEAU COMMUNITY CONNECTION NIGHT

Mark your calendar for a night to join other families at Rousseau for a night of community and camaraderie at the school

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
6:00 PM**

ROUSSEAU PLAYGROUND

**PTO WILL HAVE FOOD VENDORS AND
ACTIVITIES TO CREATE SPACE FOR
ROUSSEAU FAMILIES TO COME
TOGETHER AND MEET EACH OTHER.**



2024-2025 PTO BOARD Calendar Dates

August:

August 1 - 27 - school apparel shop open

August 3 - Landscaping Clean Up (9am)

August 8th - Rousseau Open House 5:30-6:30 (PTO will have table and hopefully spirit wear to purchase)

August 12th – First Day of School

August 19 - PTO Meeting

Aug 22 - Dine -out @ Don & Millies, 11am-9pm

September:

Sept 6 – Community Connection Night – 6:00 PM

September 13 - Glow up Rousseau Fundraiser Kickoff (Raise funds through oct 2nd)

Sept 17 - Dine Out @ Chipotle on 70th, 5-9pm

October:

October 9 - Walk or Roll to School Day (National Event)

Oct 10 - Picture Day

October 18th - Glow Dance 6-7:30pm

October 21 – PTO Meeting

Oct 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Meals for Teachers)

Oct - Dine out Runza TBD

Oct 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Meals for Teachers)

October 28- Nov 1 - Red Ribbon Week

November:

Nov 1st- 15th - Cookie Dough Sales Fundraiser

Nov 12 - Dine Out Lost In Fun 4-8pm

Nov 15 - Fall Party

November 16th - Rousseau Birthday

Nov 21 - School Picture Retakes

December:

Dec 5th - cookie dough pick up 4-6m

Dec 5 - Band/Strings concert 5:45pm

December 9 - Choir Concert 6pm (grades 4 & 5)

January:

January 13 – PTO Meeting

Jan 16 - Dine Out, Honest Abes, 4:30-9pm

January 23 - Feb 13th – Kids Heart Challenge in PE

Jan 28 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Meals for Teachers)

Jan 30 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Meals for Teachers)

February:

February 14th – Valentine's Day Celebration

Feb 24 & 25 – Dine Out @ Braeda

March:

March 1st – Scholarship Applications (January 1st – April 1st – will have it open through EduQuest)

March 10-14, Spring Break

March 24 PTO Meeting - PTO positions open

March 27 – Dine Out - Lost in Fun, 4-8pm

April:

April 3 - 3rd Gr Musical 6pm

April 15th – Scholarship Applications Due

April 17th - Choir Concert 6pm

April 25th – Rousseau Fun Night

May:

May 1 - Band/Strings Concert 5:45pm

May 1st-29 - Give to Lincoln Day campaign

May 3 - Mayor's Run

May 6 - Dine out @ DQ, 5-8pm

May 5th - Bike Rodeo

May 6th – Bike Rodeo (Rain Day)

May 6th - 10th - Staff Appreciation Week

May 12 – PTO Meeting - PTO positions vote

May 19 – Field Day

May 22 – Last Day of School

May 29 - Give to Lincoln Day



PTO

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- **FUN NIGHT**
- **GLOW UP FALL FUNDRAISER**
- **CLUBS**
- **FRIDAY FOLDERS**
- **STAFF APPRECIATION**
- **BOOK FAIR**
- **READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**
- **BIKE RODEO**
- **FIELD DAY**
- **LIBRARY**
- **ROOM PARENTS**
- **WALK-A-THON**

Need to get in touch?

Send us an email at
rousseau.pto@gmail.com

Are you in the know? PTO organized events, calendar, student & adult volunteer sign ups and MORE are communicated by these two methods – Sign up TODAY!

PTBOARD Parent Signup Instructions

1. Go to
<https://rousseau.ptboard.com>
or scan QR code



2. Click "Sign Up" link to sign up (For mobile phone, click top right menu, then "Sign Up" link)

3. After signing in to
<https://rousseau.ptboard.com>, enter code
7HMGMW to join

ROUSSEAU PTO Facebook Group

1. Go to
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1039608269384733/>
or scan QR code to join



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Information for Parents
2024-25 YEAR

HIRING FOOD SERVICE WORKER POSITIONS: Would you like a job that allows you to work only on the days when your child is in school with great pay and health insurance benefits? We currently have four-, five-, and six-hour positions available. Apply on-line at **LPS.org**.

STUDENT MEAL PRICING:

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- Elementary Breakfast: \$1.30
- Middle School Breakfast: \$1.50
- High School Breakfast: \$1.50
- Reduced Breakfast (all grades): .30 cents
- Elementary Lunch: \$2.50
- Middle School Lunch: \$2.70
- High School Lunch: \$2.85
- Reduced Lunch (all grades): .40 cents
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- Milk carton (all meals): .60 cents

A NEW FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Families who may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits must submit a new application each new school year (July 1 or after) to determine eligibility. You must reapply each new school year.

ONLINE FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 22nd: The free and reduced meal application will be available online at **LPS.org**. The online application is fast and secure, and takes only one to two working days to process. When you apply online and have an email address registered with LPS, you will receive an email notification as soon as your application has been processed. Families who received a letter this summer from Lincoln Public Schools Nutrition Services Department stating that their children have been Direct Certified for free or reduced meal benefits do not need to complete an application. Please make sure all the school age children in your home are included in this letter. If one or more of your children are not listed, please call the Nutrition Services office at 402-436-1746. Paper applications may take as long as ten (10) working days to process. Nutrition Services is not responsible for lost paper applications. Free and reduced meal benefits may allow a family to receive fee waiver benefits.

PRE-PAYMENTS: Can be made online by following the link on the LPS homepage and clicking "Buy Student Meals" or by sending payment with your student to school. Many parents enjoy the convenience of depositing money into cafeteria accounts using the online prepayment system. Registered users may add funds for all students in their family at one time using this system. Purchases may be made using either your checking account information or VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards (nominal transaction fees apply). Cash or check are accepted at each school. If you choose to send cash or check with your student, please include a note indicating your student's name and student ID number.

MEAL CHARGES: No student will be denied a school meal if their meal account is zero or negative. The student will be served from the regular menu and the appropriate meal price (reduced or paid) will be added to the student account. If the student's account is zero or negative, the student may not charge a second meal, an extra entrée or any a la carte items. Families are encouraged to regularly check their account balance and track their child's spending to prevent negative meal balances. It is the responsibility of the student's family to provide the funds for the child's meal. Negative balances are expected to be paid in full each school year. When negative balances reach \$10 or more families will receive notification of charges via a Negative Balance letter or automated phone call. Automated phone calls will continue until the negative balance has been paid. Unpaid meal charges are carried over at the end of the school year. The negative balance will remain in the school meal software until it is three years past due. After three years the negative meal balance will be moved to the student's account in the student information system (Synergy). It is important to keep contact information (address, email and phone number) current with LPS.

LPS ONLINE MENUS: MealViewer is the online tool LPS uses to post menus for all schools. View menus on your computer by visiting the LPS homepage and clicking on "School Menus". Schools are listed alphabetically. Create your own profile by saving your student's school, or simply "X" to bypass this option and go straight to the menus. Download the mobile app for menu information on the go. Search for "MealViewer to Go" in the App Store or Google Play Store.

FOOD ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL DIETS FOR MEDICAL REASONS: The "Medical Statement for Students Requiring Special Meals" is available online at **LPS.org**. This form must be completed, signed by a Physician and faxed to Nutrition Services (402-436-1775) or dropped off at your child's school. After submitting the form, please plan to send a meal with

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Information for Parents

2024-25 YEAR

your child for up to three days so that our staff has time to order the foods necessary to accommodate your student's diet restrictions. If you submitted a form last school year and your child's diet has not changed, nothing further needs to be done. We will continue to provide the diet as ordered last school year. Call 402-436-175 with questions.

FREE & REDUCED QUESTIONS: 402-436-1746 or email freeandreduced@lps.org

CAFETERIA ACCOUNT/ONLINE PAYMENT SUPPORT: 402-436-1743 or email foodzone@lps.org