

CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"a place to learn among caring people"

Dear Middle School/High School Parents & Guardians:

The Cresskill School District utilizes a computerized POS (point of sale) system in the school cafeteria. Instead of paying cash for your child's breakfast, lunch, or after school snacks, you may deposit checks into your child's debit account. Just like EZ Pass on the GS Parkway and NJ Turnpike, this system reduces time-consuming cash transactions, and makes our lunch lines move much faster.

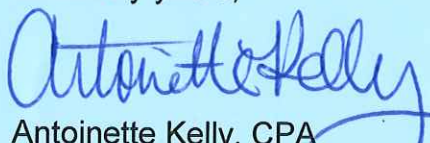
For your additional convenience, the District also provides an **internet-based payment system**, which allows you the option of paying for your child's lunch on-line, via credit card or ACH (electronic checking). This service also allows you to receive instant on-line information detailing your child's account balance, as well as which food and beverage items they purchased for lunch, and if their balance is low. Additionally, like EZ-Pass, there is an "auto-replenishment" option which allows you to set up a low-balance threshold and automatic debit amount to replenish your child's account. More info on this system can be found at <http://www.payforit.net>. Click on FAQ's. **Note that there is an internet convenience fee associated with payment by credit card and ACH for On-Line payments, whereas there is no fee to continue to send your child to school with cash or checks.** This fee is associated with Credit Card processing fees and ACH web-site services. No portion of the fee is retained by the school district.

Note that while **"good old fashioned cash" will still be accepted** in the cafeteria, our hope is that many parents will appreciate the ease and convenience of pre-paying for their child's lunch, either via check, or on-line. Think about it...**no more lost lunch money...no more forgotten lunch money...no more "losing the change" to the \$5 or \$10 bill...**your prepaid funds will be held safely in trust by the school.

Just like when paying by check, prepayments on-line will be accepted in as large or small dollar amount as you feel is convenient for you. Please keep in mind that the larger the dollar amount you send in, the fewer payments you will have to make during the course of the school year.

If you have any questions, you can contact my office at Ext.1206 or our food service office at Ext.1501, and someone will assist you.

Sincerely yours,



Antoinette Kelly, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary