

# Cafeteria News

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Families may now view their lunch account information on the website. We can also send you an email when the lunch account balance is running low. These are two features that many have asked for and now they are here!

Over 60 percent of families now have Email and Internet access from their homes – even more have access from their work places. Deer River Schools will now be able to take advantage of this low-cost and reliable communications avenue to alert our families electronically of low-balances in family meal accounts. Additionally you will be able to access your current account information online – anytime.

This new module will automatically send emails to families with low balances, replacing the time and expense of producing paper statements for families with access to email service. Using the Web-Email module roughly 70% of our contacts with families will be handled electronically, without involving additional district personnel or expense, while keeping you better informed.

Here is how it works:

- Printed Letter Statements will be replaced with emails, for families that have supplied the school with an email address and release form.
- Emails are processed and sent out at 6:00 each evening.
- You can reply to an email statement – it will go directly to the district's food service email address.
- This is a secure site; only specific district personnel with the correct user-id and two specific passwords may access this information.
- Families must know their family ID and PIN to access family account information. Your family ID appears on the printed statements. The school will provide you with a PIN, or you can request that a different one be used.

If you would like to access your school lunch account information at any time and/or receive an email statement, the easiest way is to send us an email at [jsobolik@deerriver.k12.mn.us](mailto:jsobolik@deerriver.k12.mn.us). We will then send you an email release form, along with your family ID and PIN. Return the form to the office at any of our three schools. You may simply fill in your name and the date and reply to this email, send the form with your child or mail the information to Julie's attention at the school. ISD #317, PO Box 307, Deer River, MN 56636.

If you have any questions please call Julie at 246-2420 ext. 236 any school day. The best time to reach her is between 1:00 and 3:00 each afternoon. You may email your questions to her anytime and she will promptly respond.