



NAVESINK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2021-2022 Community Lunch Letter



Navesink Families,

We are truly excited to launch the 2021-2022 academic year on Monday, September 13th. As detailed through the instructional schedule that is accessible via our comprehensive [Virtual Backpack](#), two (2) lunch periods will be facilitated each day. The times are featured below:

<u>Lunch #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grades</u>
1	12:10 PM - 12:40 PM	3, 4, & 5
2	12:50 PM - 1:20 PM	K, 1, & 2
*Students will be provided with time for a safe snack prior to lunch periods.		

In order to maximize safety amid the ongoing challenges that accompany COVID-19, we will continue to implement our collaboratively-developed outdoor eating procedures across Navesink's picturesque campus. A site rotation has been generated to promote physical distancing, and provide opportunities for students to enjoy the school's amazing property. A single class will be assigned to the following locations for a week at a time:

<u>Lunch Locations</u>	
Reading Garden	Flowering Cherry Tree
Picnic Tables	Log Benches
Leftfield Picnic Area	Soccer Field Picnic Area

These strategically selected areas enable the use of the front, as well as the rear of the school. While some spaces have tables, along with benches, it is recommended that students bring a towel in their backpacks for seating in our grassy areas. Kindergarten classes will be deliberately assigned to consistent outdoor locations, rather than the rotating basis, as this will enable the most convenient access to their respective classrooms.

A staff member will be assigned to supervise each class, and I, along with Mr Brock, our security guard, will monitor the grounds at all times. Additionally, we will conscientiously adhere to the following procedures:

[Lunch-Time Procedures](#)



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In the event of inclement conditions, and, of course, during the winter freeze, we will utilize a combination of our classrooms and the All-Purpose Room for eating. This strategy will limit the number of students in particular indoor locations and enable increased distance.

It is also important to note that *Whitsons*, our food services provider, will have a hot and cold lunch option every day. All students can receive a meal free of charge, or, bring one from home. Additional details related to *Whitsons* can be reviewed [here](#).

The health/safety of students and staff is undoubtedly our utmost priority. Please know that we will carefully implement this plan and cultivate the best possible conditions for our enjoyable experiences across the campus.

Words cannot sufficiently express the pride that I feel for how our community has embraced the difficulties and cleared the hurdles presented by these unprecedented times. I am confident in our plan, grateful for the continuous collaboration that makes our school so very special, and truly honored to serve as Navesink's Principal.

Sincerely,
Kevin G. Cullen
Principal