

Introducing...an Optional Lunch Program at PIC

- **A new optional Lunch Program** will be offered to all PIC children except for those in the infant/young toddler classrooms (Bumblebees, Caterpillars, Wild Things and Doodlebugs).
- **Menu** - The meals provided will be in accordance with the USDA approved Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The food will be delivered Monday - Thursday by Linton's Food Distribution Company. We are working with Linton's to provide a menu that includes whole grains, as well as fresh fruit and vegetable options.
- **Lunch will be served family-style.** Family-style eating has been found to have a positive effect on acceptance of new food and assist in developing social skills.
- **Pizza Day** - The Pizza Day tradition will continue at PIC. It will however move to Fridays as of next fall. The cost of the pizza will be included in the monthly lunch program fee. Only children enrolled in the lunch program will be served pizza, with the exception of the children in the infant/young toddler rooms where families can continue to pay a separate fee.
- **Special dietary needs** - There will be vegetarian options available. If you select vegetarian, a special meal will be delivered each day for your child.
- **Beverages** - Children will be given milk and water for lunch. No drinks with sugar will be served.
- **The lunch program will run for the full calendar year.**
- **Field Trips** - If children in the preschool classroom are going on a field trip, box lunches will be ordered for the children in advance.
- **Trial period** - The first three months will be a trial period. If you are not satisfied with the program, you may opt out for the remainder of the year, as long as you let us know by the 15th of September, October, or November. You will not be billed beginning the following month.
- **When you opt in, you are all in** - You must sign-up for every day that your child(ren) is/are enrolled. At this time, we cannot offer the option to opt in/out daily, or week by week.
- **Billing** - Charges for the lunch program will appear on your monthly tuition bill.
- **Cost** - For families who are NOT income-eligible for PreK Counts or CCIS subsidy, the cost of the lunch program for a child enrolled 5-days-a-week will be \$4.85 per day (\$24.25 per week/\$97.00 per month). Invoices will be prorated for families with children enrolled less than 5 days a week, and reduced (or no charge) for families who meet income eligibility guidelines.
- **Questions?** Email Executive Director Deb Green at dgreen@parentinfantcenter.org