"Learning and Growing Together"

Kevin Garcia Principal

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

The Barfield Early Childhood Center participates in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**. The CACFP is very important to us because it partially reimburses our school for the cost of snacks we provide to our students. With the financial assistance provided by the CACFP we are able to provide nutritious snacks without increasing our school's fees or petitioning you for snack donations.

We need your help to comply with a rule change AND to earn the highest amount of reimbursement possible. We ask that all parents/guardians complete the enclosed Child Care Enrollment Form and the Income Eligibility Form for Child Care Centers. I know completing this paperwork is not high on anyone's must do list, but completing it will really help our school!

Please complete and return the enclosed form regardless of your household income. The program provides a percentage of reimbursement for **all of our students**. If your yearly income is equal to or below the amount listed for your family size, your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Our application for free or reduced-price meal benefits cannot be approved unless the attached applications are completed according to the directions provided. Please know that we respect the confidential nature of this information. Please return these forms in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience.

Family Size	Yearly Income	Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$21,775	5	\$52,559
2	\$29,471	6	\$60,225
3	\$37,167	7	\$67,951
4	\$44,863	8	\$75,647
		For each additio	nal +\$7,696

You should notify the center if any member(s) of the household becomes unemployed. A child may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals during the period of unemployment. This application is valid for twelve months from the date it is signed by the center representative.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Garcia