

# FOREST AVENUE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The West Babylon School District and Forest Avenue Elementary School is dedicated to providing the best learning environment to our students on a daily basis. Breakfast from the school food service department is offered to all students daily under the USDA's School Breakfast Program. We want to make sure that every child and parent is aware that breakfast is available every day prior to the official start of the school day.

- Why Children Need Breakfast:
  - Many studies link improved nutrition status with higher academic performance.
  - Children who do not consume breakfast have more trouble staying alert in class, have complaints of stomach aches and headaches, and can show signs of irritability and anger.
- Why School Breakfast can be Beneficial:
  - Some children are just not hungry when they first wake up in the morning.
  - There just may not be enough time in the morning to eat breakfast at home.
  - Those students receiving free or reduced lunch meals are entitled to free or reduced breakfast meals. Reduced breakfast is \$0.25. Those students who pay regular price for lunches can receive a complete breakfast for \$1.75.
- Celebrate our Breakfast Program with Us:
  - Forest Avenue Elementary is offering **Free Breakfast Friday** on Friday, March 10, 2017, to the entire student population. The children will be able to enjoy warm mini pancakes, 100% juice and low fat or fat free milk in their classrooms to emphasize the importance of breakfast and celebrate our program.

Please feel free to contact Jeannette Frabizio, School Lunch Manager at 631-376-7752 or [jfrabizio@wbschools.org](mailto:jfrabizio@wbschools.org) with any questions or concerns about the School Breakfast Program.

Sincerely,  
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