

Now is the time to open your child's lunch account at the BX Cashier cage if you haven't already done so. When you deposit money in the account, your child will be given a personal pin number to pay for meals. At the Aviano AAFES school cafeteria, we offer two separate choices for lunch, the regular USDA reimbursable tray lunch and the A-La-Carte line, which lets the child choose the makeup of their meal for the day. The regular lunch is the only meal that is covered under the free and reduced lunch program. Now is the time to open your child's lunch account at the BX Cashier cage if you haven't already done so. Your child will be given a personal pin number to pay for meals.

The two accounts in the Horizon register system are the General and Meal. The General account allows your child to eat anything, anywhere in the cafeteria, USDA trays, breakfast items, and the A-La-Carte line. The only limitation is your choice of a daily spending limit. The Meal account, however, can only be drawn from for the main USDA tray lunch line. This is recommended for those with reduced lunch authorizations (to prevent spending above the reduced rate), and for those who do not want their child to eat any snack foods. When parents go to the BX Cashier's Cage to charge their childrens' accounts, they need to make sure they understand the differences and specify which account the money needs to go in. They also are reminded that it is a good time to set daily spending limits and put up "manager alerts" which pop up on the computer screen when the pin number is entered. This can alert us to any special instructions, such as "allergic", "can eat alacarte only on Fridays" or "no second lunches", the possibilities are endless.

When your child uses the main meal line, they have some options. We offer Italian pasta with meat sauce as an alternative to the advertised menu every day, as well as freshly made salads. These items replace the entrée (main dish) only; the other side items remain the same. Your child has the option to refuse all but one of the side items. If your child wishes to get more food, they can purchase a "lunch plus" for 75 cents, if they have money in the general account to cover it.

To allow your child to purchase A-La-Carte items, you must ensure the General Account is not blocked and you have established a reasonable spending limit. For a food item and a drink, you can expect your child to spend two to four dollars a day, depending on what is purchased. To properly ensure the account is set up correctly, we recommend that you visit the cafeteria to review the account settings and speak to a supervisor. When the money begins to run low in the account, we will tell your child about the low account and give him or her a slip of paper to give to their parents. Please encourage your child to bring this slip home with them. These reminders often do not make it home, so it is important to keep a close eye on the account balances to allow ample time to recharge the accounts. If a child attempts to purchase snack items when their general account is out of money, we will direct them to the USDA tray line to charge a meal, they will never go hungry.

If a child's account does run into the negative, we will notify the parents by e-mail when we run the weekly charge report. We alert only that an account is negative, so if you receive of these notices, please inquire and reconcile the account at the BX or cafeteria office as soon as possible. If the same account continues to be negative after 5 working days, we will send a 2nd notice by e-mail. If after 5 more working days the account is still in the negative, the 3rd notice will be forwarded to the School Liason Officer and the sponsor's First Sergeant for action. A detailed history of a child's spending can be obtained only in person at the cafeteria in the school building. *New for school year 2007-08: the details from the last two spending days can be viewed at the BX cash cage now due to an upgrade to the Horizon register system.*

The new school year also continues to evolve, following the USDA guidelines and the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. Our 6 week cycle menu is generated by a US Army Staff Dietician, and is used by all Dodds Schools in Europe. We are required to strictly follow this menu because of its unique makeup of balanced calories and nutrition over the time period of a week. Due to feedback from the community, many unpopular menu items from last year have been dropped in favor of new choices that meet the criteria for a USDA reimbursable meal.

If there are any questions or comments, feel free to contact Mr. Gabriel Curtis, Cafeteria Manager at 632-5600 or e-mail at curtisg@aafes.com.

Main Meal Prices:

Lunch Kindergarten to 5 th Grade	\$2.05	Milk 50¢
Lunch 6 th Grade to 12 th Grade	\$2.20	
Lunch Plus (extra entrée)	.75¢	