



Dear BA Parents:

Bessemer Academy is currently using Chalkable Café in our school lunchroom to keep track of deposits and items sold to your child's account along with other great features! Chalkable Café includes a mobile app, **My Chalkable Café**, that can be used for the following items to ensure that you are always connected to your child's school even if you are too busy to open the app:

- Monitor your child's balance and transaction history
- Update their account with any food allergies or dietary notes.
- Receive push notifications whenever your child has eaten lunch, made a deposit to their account, or has a low or negative balance.

To get started, simply follow these steps:

- Search the App Store for "My Chalkable Cafe"
- Open the mobile app, click the "Register" button, enter the district code "C6340" and proceed to enter in your information.
- Upon completing the registration form, check your e-mail for a verification link and click on it.
- Log into the app and link your child(ren) via the "Add Account" menu option. (Student number is on the label above)

We hope that you find the My Chalkable Café mobile app helpful for keeping connected with your child's school. If you have any issues linking your child's account, please notify Carla Perry at (205) 428-6288 ext. 2 or [cperry@bessemeracademy.com](mailto:cperry@bessemeracademy.com) for assistance.

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## ***e-FUNDS LUNCH ACCOUNT PAYMENT ONLINE***

### ***New on-line payment option for families will be available beginning September 29, 2016***

Bessemer Academy is pleased to introduce a new program called *e-Funds for Schools*. This program offers various options for parents/guardians who *choose* to make payments online and is extremely user friendly. This is away to make lunch account payments charged to your credit card. The *e-Funds for Schools* service is offered to you by a third party service provider and they charge for processing your payment(s), similar to other online banking services.

The *e-Funds for Schools* electronic payment service is provided to the school by a third party service provider. The service provider has a nominal fee for their service. **For payments made by credit or debit card, there is a convenience fee of \$2.65 per each \$100 increment in the transaction.** When you set up your account, please review your options carefully.

You are in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you. **No payments will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system.** By providing your home and/or work email address, an email notification informing you of the student's name, purpose of the payment, and the amount of the item, will be sent to you each time that a payment is to be processed. The *e-Funds for Schools* site is secure and uses industry standard data encryption.

### ***How does e-Funds for Schools work?***

- Families set up and maintain their own logins, passwords, and payment preferences. Your account information is retained in a password-protected file.
- *e-Funds for Schools* will help to eliminate last minute check writing hassles, improve efficiencies, and help cut costs for both you and the school
- Online payments will help eliminate the worry that your children could lose or forget the money intended for school items or that it might be spent on other non-school related items.
- Payments from a credit card may easily be set up.
- Parents/guardians may establish a reoccurring payment or may opt to make a one-time payment.
- Your payment history for the year is available with a click of the mouse

### ***How to register and start paying on-line?***

- Below is the *e-Funds for Schools* parent link for Bessemer Academy.  
<https://eps.mvppbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=56107>
- Register your personal information
- Student Number (example S563429) – (SEE LABEL ON TOP OF THE FRONT PAGE)  
Last Name (Students Last Name)

### ***Payment received at the school for Lunch Accounts?***

- The school will only except Cash or Checks as payment for your students lunch account starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. All credit card payments will need to be processed through e-funds. **Bessemer Academy will no longer be taking payments for lunch account with credit cards.** This option will be available for you to process your own payment for your student account. When your payment is processed the funds will be in your students at that time.