

Dear Parents,

8 ounce bottles of water are available daily in all of our elementary schools for an additional \$.75. As part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) regulations, we are not permitted to substitute or include water as part of the meal; the guidelines explain that water does not offer any nutritional value. Instead, a variety of milk selections are offered as part of a complete meal, including 8 ounce bottles of 1% low-fat milk, non-fat milk, and non-fat flavored milk. Milk selections served have no artificial growth hormones. Twice per week, 4 ounces of 100% fruit/vegetable juice is available as part of a complete meal.

There is no school on February 15th and 16th for Presidents' Day weekend. Presidents' Day dates back to 1800. Following President George Washington's death in 1799, his February birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became Presidents' Day, a federal holiday, and the date was moved. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

February 24th is a Single Session school day; there will be no lunch service.

Pomptonian is pleased to be Summit's food service provider, and we appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can reach us at Pomptonian@summit.k12.nj.us.

