



# PINCKNEYVILLE DISTRICT No. 50

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*JUNIOR PANTHERS*

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Dear Parents,

In preparation for the 2017-2018 school year, Pinckneyville District #50 is implementing a biometric finger scanning identification program for the cafeteria. This program will allow students to pay for lunches with a simple touch of their finger. A cafeteria account will be set up for each student. Parents will be able to access the account and manage it online with a credit or debit card. If you prefer to send a cash/check payment with your child, please write your child's name on an envelope and he/she will turn it in to their teacher. **No payment will be accepted in the cafeteria breakfast or lunch line.** Parents can access the account through Tyler SIS, allowing them to see what their student is eating as well as how much money is in the account. When funds become low, an email will be automatically sent to parents reminding them to add money. We will begin scanning students into the database at the beginning of the school year. We are very excited about this process and are trying to optimize the lunch experience, as well as increase efficiency.

### **What is Biometric Identification?**

Biometric identification is an automated method of identifying a person based upon physical characteristics. Our school has selected biometric finger scanning identification software that is fast, accurate, cost-effective, non-intrusive and one that works seamlessly with Tyler SIS.

### **How does finger scanning identification work?**

Using a finger scanner, the software scans the fingerprint to create and store individual templates of unique points that identify each student. When the student returns, the software again scans the finger and looks for a match in the database. When a match is found, the student is identified.

### **What about my child's privacy?**

The software scans the finger for identification. It does not store a copy of the fingerprints. Instead, the software creates a template of the unique fingerprint characteristics. These templates are stored in the school's database with the same high level of security of all of your child's records. When your child graduates or is no longer enrolled in the school system, the templates are deleted. **At no time is fingerprint image stored. No fingerprints can be recreated or delivered to any agency – governmental or otherwise.**

### **Thanks for being involved!**

It is important to us that your child's experience in school is educational and rewarding. We hope you will continue to find this way of identifying your child to be safe, easy, accurate and efficient. If you choose not to participate, we still accept cash/check. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Scott Wagner at 357- 5161. Please fill out the permission slip indicating whether you want your student to participate or not. Please complete the form and return to the principal's office by Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Scott Wagner,  
Grade School Principal

## **BIOMETRICS ENROLLMENT PERMISSION FORM**

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**YES**, Please enroll my student in the biometric system.

**NO**, Do not use biometric with my student.

Student's Name:

Grade Level:

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Information will be kept on file until the student graduate or leaves the District.