

What's new in brightwheel

Brightwheel is always evolving to better serve you

We're committed to making life easier for administrators, staff, and families. That's why we regularly release updates designed to streamline workflows and help you get more out of brightwheel.

In this PDF, you'll find the latest tools and improvements as of February 2026!

Clearer, Easier-to-Read Menu Exports

You can now download menu exports with larger fonts and simplified titles.

We've removed the meal component from the export title to make documents cleaner and more readable.

[Explore this update in your account](#)

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Create CACFP-Aligned Menus with Ease

Save time on meal planning while supporting compliance.

When building your menus, you can now select from preset age ranges and automatically pre-populate portions that align with CACFP minimum requirements for each meal component. You can still adjust portions or leave them blank based on your program's needs.

[Learn more in our Help Center](#)

Create breakfast

Meal name Generate name

Meal name *
Breakfast

Food items and portions View portion guidelines

Select an age range to automatically assign portions to this meal.

Apply portions for ^

- Children 1-2 yr
- Children 3-5 yr
- Children 6-12 yr

may replace the breakfast grain up to 3x/week.

Qty Units

Applesauce
Fruit

Qty Units

Bagel
Grain

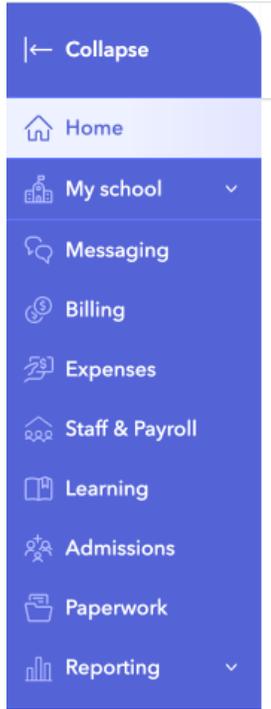
+ Food item

Cancel Save

A Cleaner, More Focused Workspace

Customize your view for a more streamlined experience.

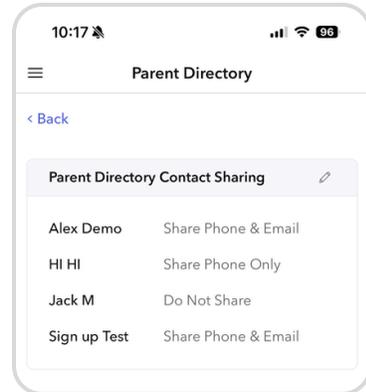
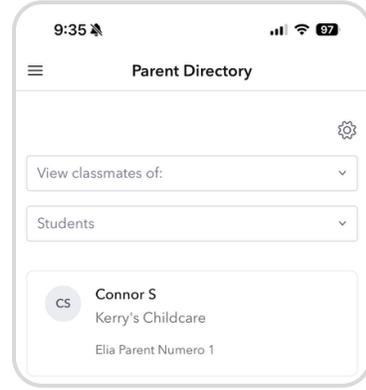
You can now collapse your left-hand navigation to help you focus on what you're currently viewing. If you prefer this view, you can keep the menu collapsed and still navigate where you need to go.



More Flexible Parent Directory

We've introduced new filtering improvements to make the Parent Directory easier to manage. Families can now update their contact-sharing preferences directly from their mobile device — choosing whether or not to share their information.

[Learn how to enable Parent Directory.](#)



Scale Billing Across All Your Locations

Centralize bill plan management and eliminate repetitive setup

You can now create approved bill plan templates centrally and share them across any and all sites within your organization. Maintain consistency at the organization level, reduce manual setup for directors, and update pricing more efficiently as you grow.

[Set up your first centralized bill plan](#)

