

THE MONTHLY FEED - JULY/AUGUST 2025

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Community Partners Make a Difference

Renee Johnson, founder of the nonprofit Grow Lincoln County, has been in the background supporting our garden program for over 5 years. With her support and knowledge, LCSD Nutrition Services has successfully been awarded grants and received much needed supplies for our school gardens. This summer, Renee secured funding for six paid student intern positions and two support staff to work beside our own Garden Coordinator Sara Gibson. These students have a passion for horticulture and are learning real, hands-on life skills they can use in the future. Pictured below is the build site located at Toledo Jr/Sr high where a high tunnel greenhouse is under construction for year round growing of fresh produce for our school meals! This will also double as an outdoor classroom for both middle and high school students.



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Interns: Aurora, Betty, Braxton, Gwynn, Ivy, and Justin.
Staff: Corrina and Scott



25/26 LCSD CEP Data

Site Name	Total Identified Students	Total students	Identified Student Percentage (ISP)	Individual Site's Free Claiming Percentage
Crestview Heights School	156	251	62.15%	99.44%
Eddyville Charter School	89	203	43.84%	70.14%
Newport High School	279	636	43.87%	70.19%
Newport Middle School	215	416	51.68%	82.69%
Oceanlake Elementary	150	233	64.38%	100.00%
Sam Case Elementary	213	357	59.66%	95.46%
Taft Elementary School	289	455	63.52%	100.00%
Taft High School	427	740	57.70%	92.32%
Toledo Elementary School	195	316	61.71%	98.74%
Toledo Senior High School	144	266	54.14%	86.62%
Waldport High School	147	278	52.88%	84.61%
Yaquina View Elementary	170	265	64.15%	100.00%
District Wide	2474	4416	56.02%	89.63%

Total identified students = students participating in SNAP, McKinney Vento, Migrant, Medicaid or in Foster care.

Total students = school enrollment as of 04/01/2025

ISP = The % of directly identified students in each school

Claiming % = additional representation for those who are unable/will not to apply for benefits (1.6%)

Free Student Meals Continue for the 2025-26 School Year

Qualifying for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) **allows all LCSD students one free breakfast and lunch each school day regardless of income.**

District eligibility is determined by identifying the number of students participating in SNAP, McKinney Vento, Migrant, Medicaid or Foster Care programs and adding 1.6% for those who are eligible but did not apply for those benefits. (See table on the left)

Benefits of CEP

- Free breakfast and lunch for **all** LCSD students
- Area Childcare Centers qualify for food programs
- After school program food program eligibility
- Free summer meal eligibility
- Expanded Summer EBT eligibility for families

WHAT'S GROWING ON? -LCSD SCHOOL GARDENS-

Did you know we have our own garden fairy? Some have seen her, many have not. She flutters in quietly in the early hours of the day before most even roll out of bed. She spreads her magic and makes our garden spaces beautiful and

gathers all the yummy things students have been growing. She hauls them all to our kitchens and stores them away for future school lunches that all will enjoy. Next time you are out and about, take a look and you might just catch a glimpse.

Leann Graves-AKA the garden fairy



DaNoble House Waldport, OR

For the summer of 2025, LCSD partnered with DaNoble house in south county to help provide free meals to kids. Not only does this help keep our staff employed and kids get free breakfast and lunch over the summer months, but DaNoble house hired four youth support staff to help run the program.

Thank you DaNoble House staff for all you do for your community and your support to fight food insecurity!



Our FSMC partners represented Oregon Sodexo at the annual OASBO conference in Bend showing off the cool things we are doing in school lunch at LCSD.



Free language assistance, auxiliary aids, and/or accommodations are available upon request. Meal accommodations can also be made to support medical needs as well as some preferential dietary needs.

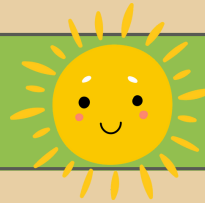
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Q: Why did the sun go to school?
A: To get a little brighter.

Save the date! October 11th 11-6

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Location - Toledo Memorial Field