



Three Rivers School District
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICE
'Healthy Children Ready To Learn'

DECEMBER 2008 NEWS UPDATE



PROGRAM SALES UPDATE -

We continue to serve more students! For the month of November we served 1,346 additional lunches over budget. This figure represents 51,317 lunches served in the district. We have experienced an increased in breakfast counts by 942 meals over budget for the month of November. This figure represents 27,111 breakfasts served in the district. We are going to launch a student survey in January to find out what elementary students like or dislike about the current offerings at breakfast.

SAFETY UPDATE -

As a continued focus on Safety, Food Service Staff reviews 5 minutes safety topics each month. Below are our topics for January:

This month, as part of the monthly Kitchen Manager Meetings our training agenda is:

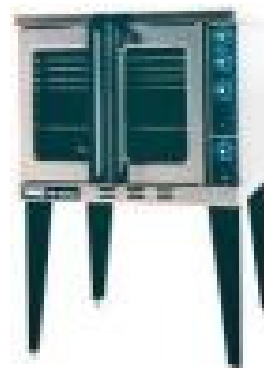
- Safe Knife Handling - Proper use and storage of kitchen knives.
- Cooling Food - Guidelines for cooling hot food product to prevent contamination.
- Slips and Falls - A fall prevention checklist to reduce accidents and injury.
- Reheating Foods - Rules and guidelines for reheating food products properly and efficiently.



We will continue this school year with staff awareness, increased focus and informative training throughout the school year. Food and Nutrition Services continues to provide a safe working environment in all our schools as well as incorporating safe work place practices district wide by keeping SAFETY top of mind!

EQUIPMENT ISSUES -

The District continues to feel the strain of aging and tired equipment. From the start of the 2008-2009 school year, we have had numerous equipment failures including the dishwasher motor at Lincoln Savage, hot water heater booster at both Manzanita and Fleming, and a freezer at Williams. Total cost of repairing these items was nearly \$6,000.00. We continue to try and stay ahead by performing routine preventative maintenance in the District.



UPCOMING EVENTS -

In a continued effort to educate students, staff and the community, we encourage you to visit one of the upcoming events in our district:



Winter Holiday Meal - December 17th, 2008 at all schools
Foods I & II Culinary Demonstration - December 11th - NVHS



Breakfast with the Principal.....
December 3rd, 2008 at Madrona Elementary
December 15th, 2008 at Fort Vannoy Elementary
December 17th, 2008 at Fruitdale Elementary



Come join us for one of these fabulous events!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The barrels have been in place in all of our schools as well as the District Office since November 11th for this year's **Toys for Tots** campaign. We will be picking up all the barrels the week of December 16th - 18th, brought back to the Food Service Warehouse and then re-distributed on Saturday, December 20th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Rogue Valley Young Marines Headquarters in Merlin. We are proud to be a part of this campaign for the third straight year, which benefits needy families from Wolf Creek, Grants Pass, Murphy, Merlin and south to the Illinois Valley this Holiday Season.



**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM!**

Michael Morris
School Nutrition Service Program Director
Three Rivers School District

