

Buffalo Hanover Montrose

# Nutrition Services Update

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# Today's Agenda

2023-24 Year End Review and Updates for SY 24-25

- Meal Counts
- New Equipment/Graphics
- Farm to School Grant
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- USDA Meal Standards
- Fun Facts
- SY 2024-2025 Updates





## **BHM Student Meal Counts 2023-2024 (SEPTEMBER-APRIL)**

Breakfast: 263,706

Lunch: 563,060

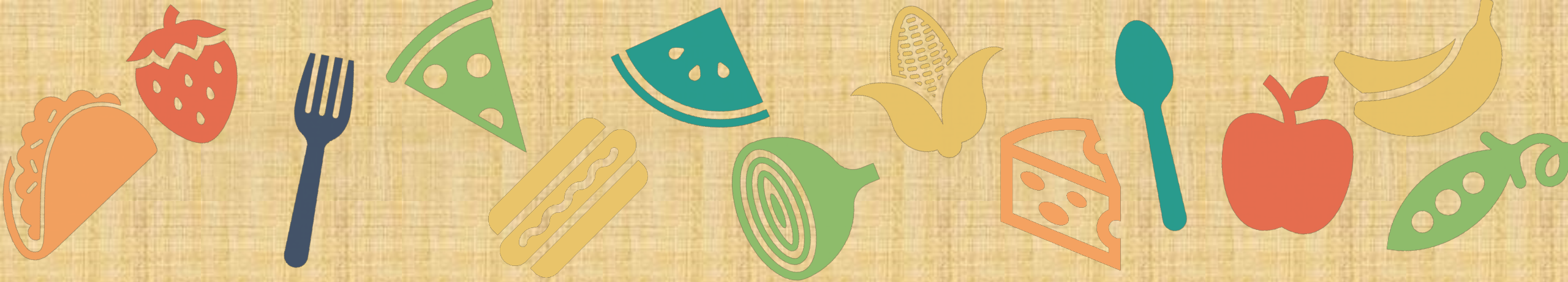
We are on track to serve close to 1,000,000 meals this year, making us the largest restaurant around!

# SY 23-24 New Serving Lines

All kitchens have been updated with new serving lines. The salad bar section has refrigeration which is important for food safety.

*“Celebrate Nutrition”* graphics have been installed at all sites in the cafeteria space.

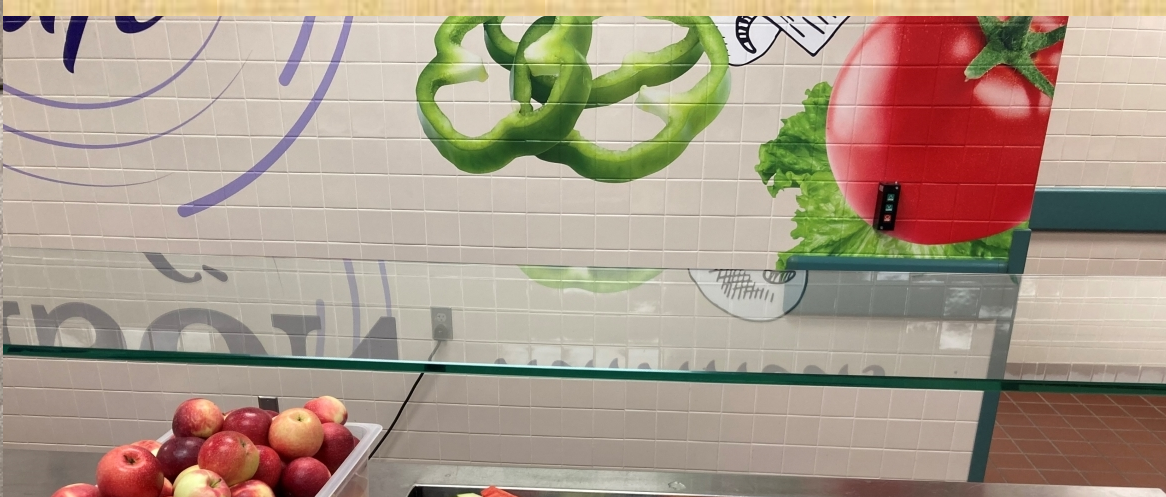




**Farm to School Grant 2023-2024: \$28,500** was utilized for purchasing locally grown fresh vegetables, fruit, MN Grown wild rice and garlic.

**Local Farms we sourced: Gilchrist Orchard, Orchards of Breezy Hill, Trumpeter Swan Farm, Living Song Farm, Ruter Farm Produce, Master's Maples**

**Nutrition Services purchased \$2360.00** from the Buffalo FFA Alumni group at BHS utilizing the peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, melons and more for the lunch program.











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# Supply Chain Disruptions Continue

- Top 3 Significant Challenges
  - 1) Menu items not available in sufficient quantities
  - 2) Supplies and paper goods not available in sufficient quantities
  - 3) Manufacturer discontinued items



# New School Meal Standards

- Nutrition standards for school meals will be gradually updated to include less sugar and flexibility with menu planning between Fall 2025 and Fall 2027.
- Schools can continue to offer flavored and unflavored milk, which provides essential nutrients that children need, such as calcium, vitamin D and potassium. There will be a new limit on added sugars in flavored milk served at breakfast and lunch by Fall 2025.
- Schools will need to slightly reduce sodium content in their meals by Fall 2027.
- Current nutrition standards for whole grains will not change.
- What's Staying the Same: School meals will continue to emphasize fruits and vegetables; whole grains; and give kids the right balance of many nutrients for healthy, tasty meals.
- **Children eat their healthiest meals at school under *current* standards.**



# For More Information

- If you would like more information regarding these changes and proposed future changes, please use this QR code to visit the USDA school nutrition website.



# Buffalo Community Center Meals

Discovery kitchen is continuing to partner with the Buffalo Community Center to provide hot meals on Mondays for their guests.



# Nutrition Services Fun Facts

- 730 Bag lunches for field trips
- 4164 Non student lunches
- 33,701 Second entrees (pizza, main, grab & go)
- 43,304 Ala carte cookies
- 70,854 Water/Propel/Ice/Juice
- \$390,518 Total ala carte sales
- 576 Community Center Meals
- \$1,361,787 **YTD** Food/bread/milk expenditures



# Looking Ahead.... SY 2024-2025

- **SFSP:** The summer feeding program will be at the Buffalo Community Middle School from June 12<sup>th</sup>-August 8<sup>th</sup>. This site will be open to the public during these dates.
- **Farm to School Grant:** We applied but were not chosen for a Farm to School grant for SY 2024-2025. The plan is to continue purchasing locally grown produce as much as possible.
- **Staffing:** Currently we have 2 positions open at BHS and 1 position will be opening up at Northwinds for SY 24-25.
- **Equipment:** New computers and touch screens will be installed before September for each Point of Sale station (cash register). We are purchasing new equipment needed for prepping and cooking at all of our sites.



# Thank You!

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