

Nutrition Service Update

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Food Service Program Results

Participation percentages in the Food Service Program were right at budget for breakfasts and lunches in the month of October. Snacks are slightly budget but are increasing as we find additional opportunities for service. Supper programs have been below budget due to reduced attendance at both clubs. With current advertising in place, we anticipate an increase in enrollment and participation moving forward. We continue to focus on breakfast counts as this is the most important meal of the day and provides us with the greatest opportunity in the program. The staff continues to work on providing excellent customer service to all our students creating a warm and inviting environment in each of our cafeterias.

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Rural Metro Fire Department

We are continuing our partnership with Rural Metro Fire Department in Grants Pass. Firefighters visit our schools including Madrona, Jerome Prairie, Fruitdale, Manzanita and Fort Vannoy once a month and assist in the kitchen, serving students at lunch. The firefighters arrive in their big ladder truck, all dressed up in their uniforms. This has been a great community service that offers assistance for our program while giving the fire department positive exposure to all our students.



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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday Meal - November 15th at all our schools. Turkey Gravy, mashed potatoes and all the fixin's.

December Holiday Meal - December 12th at all our schools. A great day of Holiday favorites for all students, staff, and parents.

Toys for Tots — November 12th through December 21th

Farm To Market — Madrona Elementary, date TBD



Sodexo Staff Development

All State Training— 12 ladies from our kitchen staff accompanied me to Salem to attend our All State Training on October 12th. Arriving on Friday evening, staff enjoyed a wonderful dinner followed by a game night. On Saturday morning, staff had the opportunity to attend several workshops to learn about new cooking, preparation and serving techniques.

Office Manager Retreat— Our Office ladies attended our annual retreat Cannon Beach on October 26th. This training provided a great opportunity to for our ladies to network with other Office Staff around the state.

Lodging, meals and transportation were provided for all attendees for both events.

Kitchen of the Month

Each month at our monthly Manager meetings we recognize one of our kitchen teams for going above and beyond their job expectations.

Our recognition for December is:

Hidden Valley High School — The ladies at HVHS happily assisted with several large catering events without hesitation. Assistance with catering provides staff with additional hours while increasing revenue to the program. Congratulations to the entire staff for doing an outstanding job!!!



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Toys for Tots

The barrels will be in place on November 12th at all of our schools as well as the District Office for this year's **Toys for Tots** campaign. New, unwrapped toys will be collected through December 14th and distributed on Saturday, December 22nd 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 sixth straight year, which benefits needy families in our community from Wolf Creek, Grants Pass, Murphy, Merlin and south to the Illinois Valley this Holiday Season.

Safety

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

Cooking Temperatures - Guidelines for preparing food to the proper temperature for service to our students.

Evacuation Procedures - Rules for making a safe exit from the building in the event of an emergency

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!



Healthy High School Challenge

The Healthy High School Challenge is a nation wide program, sponsored by Sodexo, that helps educate students about making healthy meal choices by promoting nutritious meals in all our high school cafeterias. Points are awarded to each high school for their meal participation throughout the month of November and December. Points are tallied for each of three categories; Combo Meals, Snack and Beverage and Total Points. At the end, prizes will be awarded for the highest point totals. Currently, all three of our High Schools are on the top 100 list for the entire U.S. You can track the Challenge on FaceBook @ <http://www.facebook.com/SodexoHHSC>

