

Child Nutrition Report February 2021

Since March 2020, our Child Nutrition Staff have prepared over a half million bagged breakfast and lunch for students. KBJR reported on this epic milestone.

We continue to serve hot breakfast and lunch meals in the elementary schools and Rockridge Academy. Bagged breakfast and bagged lunch are available for pick up at Lincoln Middle School, Ordean-East Middle School, Denfeld High School and East High School. Meals in-school and for pickup continue to be available at no charge.

As the P-EBT program kicks off, the families are continuing to complete free & reduced applications to qualify for the additional USDA food benefits. The application deadline for Free & Reduced applications has been extended to February 28, 2021. An additional 96 free & reduced applications have been processed.

The Child Nutrition Department is beginning to send Café helpers to Serv Safe Certification Training. The Café helpers, in addition to the Café Managers, will be certified in aspects of food safety in order to be in continued compliance with Minnesota of Department of Health regulations.

Continued training for the Cafeteria Managers on the new Healthy E menu software. The Healthy E menu software is USDA approved for Meal Programs. The program includes a menu planning tool, production record module, and nutrient menu analysis. This program helps ensure that all USDA, MDE meal regulations are met through menu planning and record keeping. Our Cafeteria Managers are excited to utilize this computer program, which makes the daily required documentation of food records, more efficient.

Continued to do maintenance and repairs on refrigeration equipment as needed. Gaskets and compressors had to be replaced on Lincoln café coolers/refrigerators. Dishmachine repairs were needed as well.

Continued to reallocate Child Nutrition staff to buildings as needed to cover vacancies.

Coordinating with the principals, maintenance and transportation department to be ready to provide meals to middle & high school students as they return to the classroom. Contingency plans for a Covid outbreak in a kitchen are also being discussed.