



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

MARCH 2009 NEWS UPDATE



PROGRAM SALES UPDATE -

February was a good month considering we had school closures at 5 of our sites and late start day for the remaining 10 schools. Late starts negatively effect participation as students eat at home, skip breakfast or do not eat lunch as breakfast is so close in timing to lunch service. Lunch participation was 2200 meals below budget while breakfast participation was 229 below budget. Catering continues to struggle as the economy and cuts in spending have been experienced. Snack and supper meal counts are holding right at budget and we continue to look for opportunities for more service points.

SAFETY UPDATE -

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

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

- Safer Lifting - Do's and don'ts to proper lifting.
- Handling Serviceware and Utensils - Important procedures for handling, use and storage of serving utensils.
- Ladder Safety - Proper set up and usage of ladders.
- Keeping Self-Service Stations Safe - Seventeen steps to safe self-service.
- Your OSHA Responsibilities - OSHA rules and regulations for our workplace.



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!

ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SUPPER PROGRAM -

The Food and Nutrition Services Department at Three Rivers School District is finally getting the supper program off the ground at IVHS. We have developed a menu that meets the nutritional requirements of the students and program and plan on starting the program on Monday, March 9th, 2009. This program will offer heartier meals to all students in the program five days a week. We are excited about the opportunity to offer meals to athletic program or any other educationally enriched program that may operate at IVHS. This program is sponsored by Boys and Girls Club of the Rogue Valley, produced out of our Evergreen Elementary kitchen and funded by the Oregon Department of Education through the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

As you know I work for Sodexo. Our Foundation (<http://www.sodexofoundation.org/>), committed to fighting hunger and poverty, is currently accepting applications for its STOP Hunger Scholarship program - giving \$5,000 scholarships to students in K - grad school who are fighting hunger in their community. If you know of someone doing great things to fight hunger, encourage them to apply between Jan. 1 and Feb. 27. In addition, the Sodexo Foundation is providing a matching \$5,000 grant to the winners' designated charity. Visit www.SodexoFoundation.org to learn more. Access key: SDXF is needed to submit an application.

Thank you for sharing this information and helping students to STOP Hunger.

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:



April 8th, 2009 at Madrona Elementary
April 20th, 2009 at Fort Vannoy Elementary
April 29th, 2009 at Fruitdale Elementary
April 15th, 2009 - Farm to Market - Fruitdale Elementary



Come join us for one of these great events!

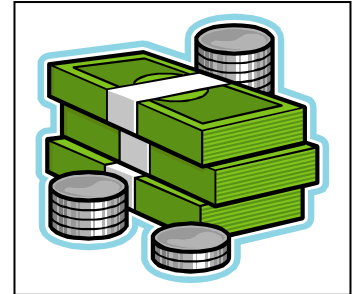
STIMULUS FUNDING -

Heads up...School Nutrition Equipment Funding is included in the Economic Stimulus package. We will provide more information next week. The paragraph below is from the School Nutrition Association's "Tuesday Morning",

"The school food equipment assistance grant program consists of \$100,000,000 available to carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance with the funds provided to States agencies administering the school lunch program based on the proportion of meals served per state.

According to the stimulus package language, States shall provide competitive grants to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to school in which 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act Funds would be made available through FY 2010."

Stay tuned as this may positively affect our school district.....



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



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