



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

JUNE 2009 NEWS UPDATE



PROGRAM SALES UPDATE -

May numbers are in. Participation fell slightly below budget for both breakfast and lunch participation due to many year end field trips and the annual early departure High School Seniors. Catering continues to struggle as the economy and cuts in spending have been experienced. Snack counts are lower than budget and Supper programs are at above budget as we move these several snack programs to a Supper format. This allows larger reimbursement dollars to the district for each served meal while providing the students a larger, better balanced meal. Our goal would to change all current snack programs to supper programs in the 2009-2010 school year to benefit all parties involved.

SAFETY UPDATE -

As a continued focus on Safety, we continue to focus on safe practices within the program. As the year winds down, the Food and Nutrition program has had only 2 reported accidents for the year. One was the result of a staff member giving the Heimlich maneuver to a choking student which resulted in a lower back strain. The other was a staff member that tripped over a loose freezer door seal that resulted in a shoulder strain. Both staff members we treated and returned to their assigned duties quickly.



We continue the remainder of this school year driving staff awareness, increased focus and informative training. 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!

BBQ EVENTS -

Throughout the month of May and into the closing month of the school year, we have conducted BBQ and special cooking events to support our schools in order to drive participation at the following schools:

05/21 Lincoln Savage Middle School - School Lunch BBQ

05/21 Madrona Elementary - Family Fun Night

05/26 Williams Elementary - Made to order Breakfast for Lunch

05/26 Illinois Valley High School - ECMC seminar

5/28 Manzanita Elementary - SOASTC Family Night

5/29 Fleming Middle School - School Lunch BBQ

6/1 Williams Elementary - School Lunch BBQ

6/3 Evergreen Elementary - School Lunch BBQ field trip to Brookings

6/5 Hidden Valley High School - School Lunch BBQ

6/8 Madrona Elementary - School Lunch BBQ

6/8 Evergreen Elementary - 5th Grade Luncheon

6/9 Manzanita Elementary - School Lunch BBQ

6/9 Evergreen Elementary - School Lunch BBQ

6/9 Jerome Prairie Elementary - School Lunch BBQ



SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM -

Learning does not end when school let's out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. The Summer Food Service Program operated by the Three Rivers School District provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to all children within the Three Rivers and Grants Pass School District areas. This helps children in low-income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow, throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

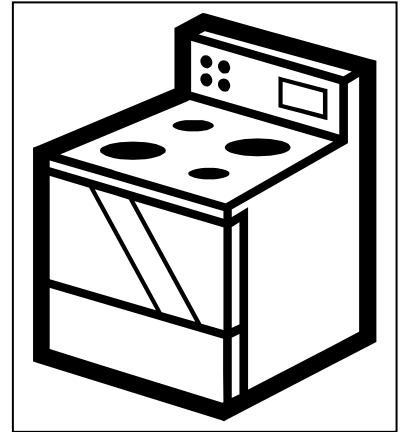


Information about the summer program is advertised in the local Grants Pass Courier News, Illinois Valley News, local radio stations, June Elementary menus and Oregon Department of Education toll free number 1-800-723-3638. For more information about becoming a sponsor or site information, you can call the Food and Nutrition Services Office at weekdays at 541-476-4183.

EQUIPMENT GRANTS -

Our application for the Summer Food Service Grant was declined due to lack of funding. Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force allotted \$50,000.00 to the entire state of Oregon and stated that approval went to a few districts that had the potential of shutting down without grant support. (See page four)

The USDA equipment grant is schedule for appointment by June 15th. At this time we have heard nothing about our application but we are patiently anticipating the good news soon!



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



Michael Morris
School Nutrition Service Program Director
Three Rivers School District





Dear Michael,

Thank you for submitting a proposal to fund your Summer Feeding Program. We truly regret that we are not able to fund your request at this time.

This year we were grateful to receive approximately \$50,000 from cooperate and private donors, who stepped forward as part of the Oregon Business Hunger Initiative. Unfortunately, the need- as expressed in more than 60 applications- was four times greater than what we are able to fund. Evident in the compelling stories is that just as families are struggling to make ends meet, organizations that serve them are facing real challenges of their own.

The critical priority was given to requests that would either prevent the elimination of feeding sites, or significantly increasing the number and geographic availability of meals served.

We will continue to do all we can to support and advocate for the Summer Food Service program and those of you who work so hard to make it possible.

Best of luck to you this summer.

Sincerely,

Annie Kirschner and Robyn Johnson

Child Nutrition Outreach

Oregon Hunger Task Force

The following links contain tips and resources for issues such as volunteer management and requesting donated supplies. You can also download samples of outreach materials which can be used to advertise your meal sites. www.oregonhunger.org/sfguide

www.SummerfoodOregon.org/resources

We will do our best to convey the overwhelming need for such things as increased reimbursement rates and a renewed Rural Transportation Grant to our federal legislators. If you would like to add your voice to a coalition working on these issues during Child Nutrition Reauthorization this year please visit www.Oregonhunger.org to learn more.