



# December 2025

## Food Service Report

*Mason Consolidated Schools*

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# TNG On-Site at MS/HS



We are now featuring a fresh-baked sub bun with our Meatball Sub.



The students loved the Cheesy Potato & Ham Soup which is a new dish that our Corporate Chef created.



The ladies in the cafeteria treated our administrative staff to a festive cookie tray.



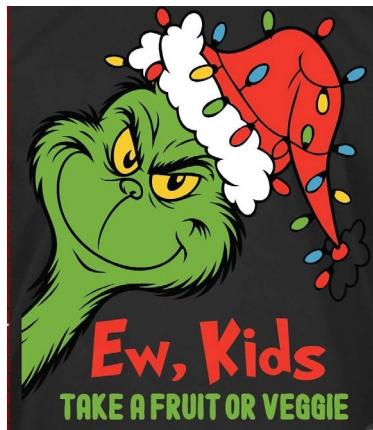
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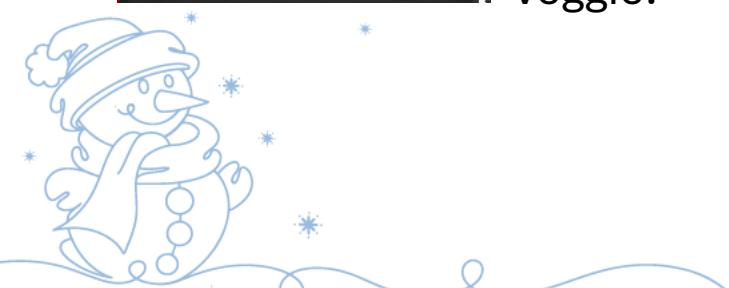
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## TNG On-Site at Central



Our students enjoyed a “Grinchly” reminder to take a fruit or veggie!



December Events and Celebrations



At Central, our ladies were busy making Christmas Cookies & Sprinkled Donuts, which are just a few of our snacks offered to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

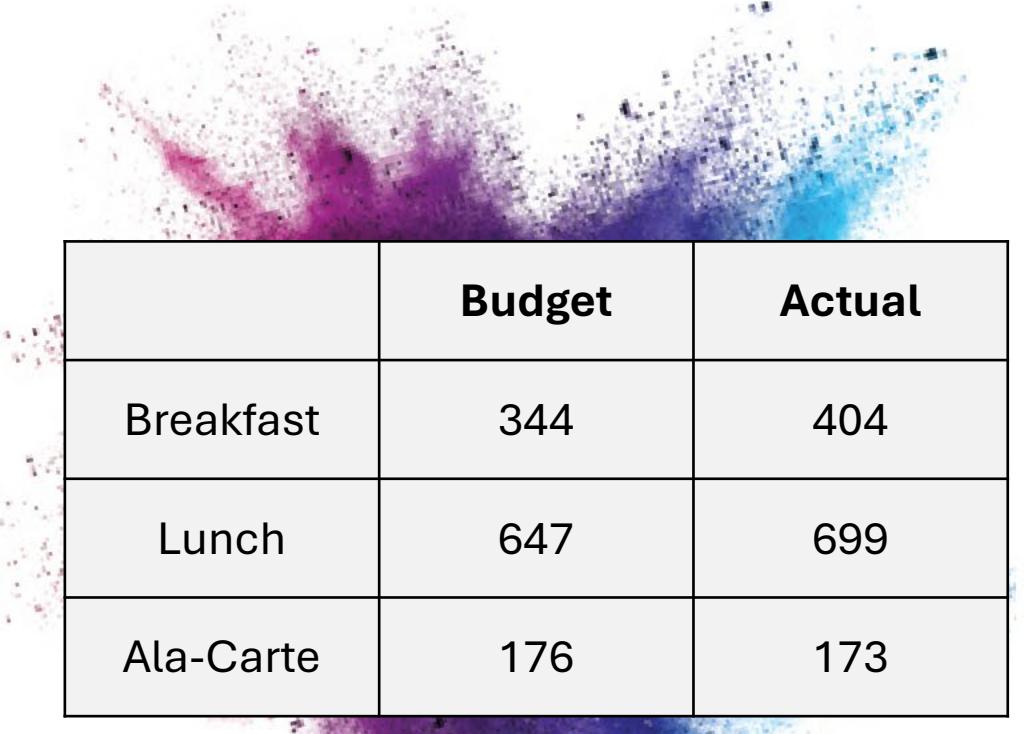


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# Numbers across the cafeteria



	Budget	Actual
Breakfast	344	404
Lunch	647	699
Ala-Carte	176	173

We continue to exceed our budget for meals counts but we are just under budget for Ala Carte sales. We will be offering hot/cold beverage rotation every Thursday, in hopes to increase sales.



Our baker, Beth, is very creative when making and decorating our Ala Carte items. They sell out fast!

# Professional Development

## Ongoing training for our management team

TNG continues our commitment to training for our team. We believe that the better trained our management team is, the better they can serve our customers.

In addition to our yearly Summer Seminar, we hold two to three in-person group meetings for our Regional Managers.

Our latest Regional Manager meeting was held in November in State College.

### Training Sessions Included:

- Innovative ideas
- Enhanced food cost breakdown
- Buy American
- Procurement Training
- Review of CACFP, SSO, After School Snack and Milk Programs
- Fun team building activities

### Team building activities

A little time for fun and continued camaraderie!



# iTradeNetwork

iTrade Network is a provider of supply chain management solutions for the food and beverage industry. With 2 decades of experience and a vast network of food and beverage partners it offers end-to-end solutions for procurement, quality, traceability and spend management.

TNG incorporated iTrade in May of 2024 with two systems of their network—Order Maestro and Spend Analytics.

TNG's DFNs use **Order Maestro**, which benefits them in several areas.

- Order Maestro offers a mobile app that improves efficiency when ordering, taking inventory, or running reports. It also generates Buy American reports.
- Most of TNG's suppliers and distributors use the iTrade Network, allowing users to order easily from a single platform instead of multiple sites.
- DFNs can take inventory directly on their phones, saving time and increasing accuracy.
- DFNs access centralized inventory on iTrade to view PFG's current stock, allowing them to adjust menus if items aren't available.

This digital system has been beneficial for both our DFNs and Purchasing Team, which ultimately benefits our Districts!



## Spend Analytics

TNG's Purchasing Team uses iTrade's Spend Analytics.

It enables our team to compare vendors' product pricing in one place for comparison and decision-making.

This system helps us buy wisely, get better prices, and run reports.

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# Engagement & Feedback

We want to hear what our customers have to say!

## Students have a voice!

Today's students want their voices to be heard and valued. We respect that and use their feedback to help us learn what's working, what needs to change, and how to maximize participation. We use a combination of technology via QR code surveys and in-person feedback by sharing food with our students through taste-testing and our Youth Advisory Council.

Principal & Customer Engagement



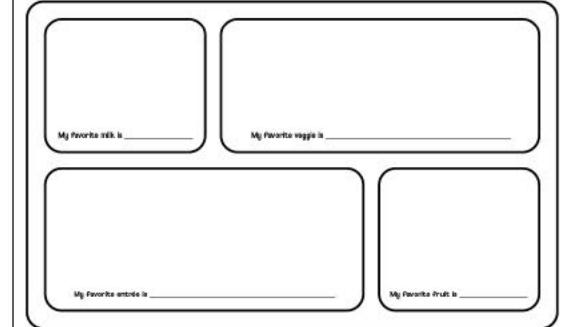
## Old School Suggestion Box

TNG asks questions on a survey. Students fill out the form and put it in a suggestion box.

## My Favorite Foods!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

We want to know what you like. Draw your favorite food from your school's cafeteria on the tray below.



## My Favorite Foods Coloring Tray

Elementary students will draw and color their favorite foods on the tray.

## Food Fight!

No, students won't throw food in the cafeteria! It will be a bracket style competition where 2 menu items will compete until there is a final favorite food WINNER!



## Principals have a voice too!

Principals input and participation are vital to the success of customizing our offerings to their district. We will send surveys and gather their feedback to design menus for your district.

# Featured Faves coming to your cafeteria in January!

Don't Miss These Limited Time Offers!



## Fresh, Fun & Flavorful!

### Breakfast Feature

#### Banana & Peanut Butter Parfait

Smooth peanut butter or WOW butter drizzled and layered with fresh banana slices, yogurt, granola, finished with a sweet touch of chocolate chips

### Lunch Favorites

#### Detroit-Style Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza

Tested and approved, this pizza is a hit with staff, students and adults

#### Cheesy Ham & Potato Soup

A hearty winter soup served with toasted flatbread for dipping

### A La Carte Options

#### Western Guacamole Dip with Chips

Savory, smooth guacamole served with crispy tortilla chips

#### Peanut Butter Banana Chocolate Pudding Cup

This sweet treat blends chickpeas, chocolate pudding, and a banana for a nutritious and delicious option



Stop in your cafeteria and check it out!

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# Food that looks FREAKY but tastes FABULOUS.

- Students sample delights that look “freaky” but are actually **super nutritious and delicious**.
- It’s a fun way to get them to try something new and take that **excitement** home to their families.
- Some of our Freaky Foods include radicchio, yellow squash, turnips, baby kale, kiwis and parsnips.

We educate with fun facts, all the ways to enjoy Freaky Foods and the superior nutritional value.



We're giving high school students a chance to expand their palate by trying new tastes they never would have eaten on their own.



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WISHING YOU  
HAPPY  
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AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

Thank you for allowing us to serve your  
students and staff!



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