



April 2024 | Food Service Report

Mason Consolidated Schools

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Participation



Across the Cafeteria in April

	Budget	Actual
Breakfast	246	399
Lunch	490	636
Ala-Carte	285	161

Our participation continues to exceed goals for both breakfast and lunch. Ala carte sales remain steady but continue to not reach our goal.



Involvement of Students

Step Up for School Wellness Program

Involving students in decisions about their school's food service program is a top priority. As a recipient of the Healthy Choices grant for this school year, we are focused on positively impacting student satisfaction, healthy eating and nutrition education through our breakfast and lunch programs at the high school.

Donald Travis has been working with a small group of students on completing the Healthy Choice Scorecard which is based on research from Cornell University. MSU Extension staff, Chelsea Butler and Janelle Stewart, guided our students through 3 sessions where they brainstormed realistic and tangible ideas to present to their peers for what they would like to see changed or added to our breakfast and lunch options. Ideas ranged from entrée suggestions, taste tests, adding spices, dressings and drinks. As a bonus, these ladies also worked on ways to communicate effectively and present their ideas in a productive way to those who can make a difference in final decision making.

This week, students surveys went out, which is the next step in this process. Completion of the survey will give a snapshot of what the students want from the cafeteria team!



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) consists of students from each grade level. The purpose of the YAC is to develop a cooperative relationship with students and gain their support of the food service program.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

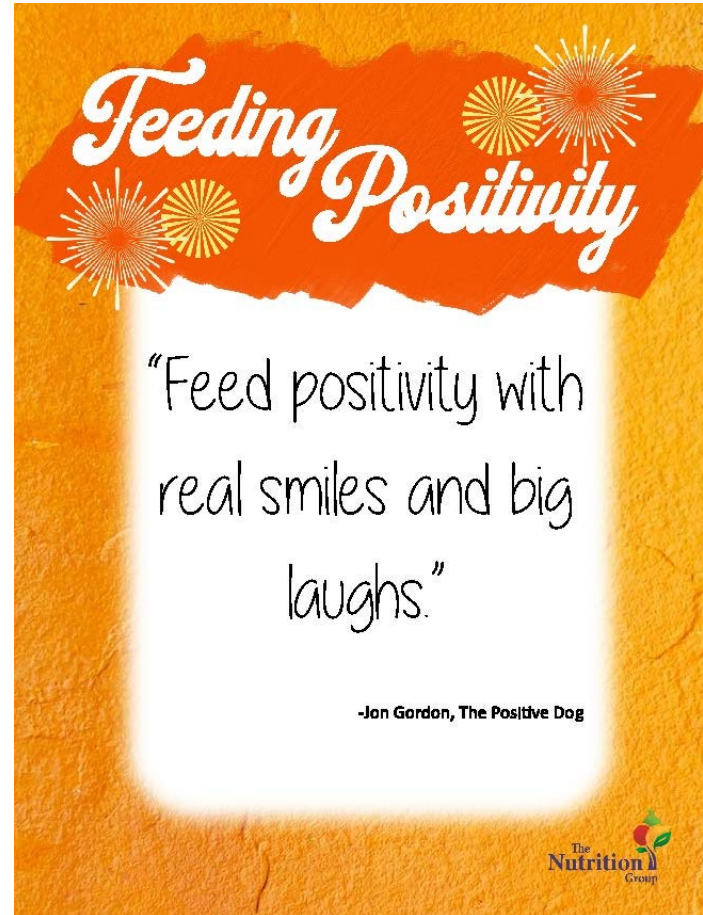
The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) enables parents to give us input, allowing us to offer a well-rounded program that provides opportunities in the cafeteria from their viewpoint.

Feeding Positivity

We continue to convey the powerful messages of “The Positive Dog” throughout the year in our cafeterias!

These are our objectives and messages for April.

- DFNs are to impart a sense of levity in the operation by feeding the team with laughter.
- DFNs will visit each building, update the Message and include a Punny Food Poster.
- Initiate humorous conversation by telling a funny story or joke or reminisce about a funny past time that included the team.
- Remind the staff the importance of humor and laughter as it relates to a positive outlook on life.



School Lunch Hero Day 2024!

Mark Your Calendars: Friday, May 3, 2024



Stop by any cafeteria to watch school nutrition professionals prepare healthy meals for students—all while adhering to strict nutritional standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile- and you will see they are the true heroes!

This is why we celebrate School Lunch Hero Day every year on the first Friday in May. This annual observance showcases the difference school nutrition professionals make in the lives of every child who comes through the cafeteria.

Vendor Partnerships

We value our partnerships with our trusted vendors.

Our purchasing team takes the time to meet and evaluate the most reputable wholesale food suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors in the industry. We are seeking partners that provide products that not only meet federal and state guidelines but product offerings that are appealing to our customers.

One of our valued partners is Pilgrim's Foodservice.



Built on a foundation of over 70 years of experience.

- Pilgrim's makes delicious simple with their fully cooked chicken products
- Their products are manufactured using only top-quality poultry products that are sustainably sourced
- High-quality meat is used in all of their products to provide nutritious meals for students
- Great tasting flavor, healthy choices
- Innovative chicken products



Pilgrim's vision guides everything they do to be the best and most respected company in their industry and creating opportunity of a better future for their team members. This is just one of the reasons we value their partnership.

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TNG's commitment to our customers doesn't end at simply serving great food. We care about our student's overall health and well-being, and we are committed to educating our kids about healthy eating through our *Everyday* **NUTRITION** initiative. Below are some of our programs that highlight healthy eating and nutritional options within our cafeterias!



FRUITY FRIDAYS

Ensuring our students have access to healthy choices is a top priority for the TNG family. Fruity Friday offers a delightful and engaging opportunity to introduce a range of fresh fruits to kids. At lunchtime, students can enjoy crafting their own colorful fruit salads at our special station.



SNACK ATTACK

Designed to keep hunger at bay between meals, our snack table empowers students to customize their own healthy trail mix snacks from a variety of nutritious ingredients all while learning about the importance of healthy snacking.



VARY YOUR VEGETABLES

We've revamped the traditional lunch by offering top-notch produce. Students learn about the nutritional benefits of vegetables while planting and growing their own garden vegetables.



FRIDAY TRY-DAY

Students have the opportunity to sample one of our featured "new or unusual" food items while discovering its nutritional advantages. We believe it's crucial for students to understand what they're consuming and how to make informed, healthy eating decisions.



Thank You!



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