



Food Service Report

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Hello Board Members~

My staff and I all had a wonderful Christmas Break and so enjoyed the time off to recharge. We were all so thankful for that time to be at home with our families. I am especially thankful for vacation days and opportunities to take time off with pay.

January is typically a bit of a lull time for Food Service. Meal counts tend to dip a bit with kids out of school, for illness or other reasons or oddly enough, just not eating as much due to the colder weather. We have had to continue to adjust our meal counts in an effort to have less waste but still be certain to provide hot meal choices to middle and high school students.

I have had some employee turnover in the last few months. Both Tina Tomlin and Callie Siwarga left for personal reasons. Carol Whipple stepped into the role Tina had in the high school, I hired Rebekah Handyside to "replace" Carol's position and most recently hired Shannon Rice to replace Callie's position. Everyone is working on their training and learning their new job duties.

My department purchased a new online digital menu system at the end of December, that is proving to be a bit of legwork to get up and running, but I believe it will be a terrific addition and upgrade to the kitchens and the old whiteboard menus. Once I have entered all the base information, I can make changes anytime to the menu, so parents/students/staff can look at the K-5 menu and/or the MS/HS anytime on their devices. Several local schools use the same system, such as Holt and Williamston. If you would like to check it out, see Nutrislice.com.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve my community as Food Service Director!

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