



Food Service Report

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Hello Board Members:

So it is said that November is National Gratitude Month. I keep a daily gratitude journal, and to be honest, there are some days that my three entries all center around a) making it through the day without losing it with someone, b) being thankful the day is done or c) giving thanks for my health and my family. However, there are truly so many days that I'm filled with thankfulness from a thoughtful comment from a student for making their lunch to a smile from a painfully shy student who makes eye contact with me and warms my heart. Most days, I feel truly blessed to work with students and be responsible for their nutritional needs for two-thirds of the day!

Two weeks ago, I attended the annual SNAM Conference (School Nutrition Association of Michigan) held in Battle Creek this year. I wasn't able to go to the Conference until Friday night, there was a cool tour of Kellogg's factory and Prairie Farms Dairy Plant that I missed, yet Chris Huber-Booher (Salmon) who used to be the Food Service Director here, filled me in on what the tour was. I attended several classes to earn CEU's toward my required hours, and those were very informative and interesting. Attending those conferences and classes is such a great, fun way to connect with other Directors and Managers and discuss "school food" with them!

Next Tuesday brings our all-school "Friends-giving" lunch, which is A LOT of work, and I'll have my two food service substitutes, Nicki Cassaday & Stacey Beard, here to help us. It's an all-hands-on-deck sort of day, despite only serving ONE meal choice. The middle school lunch is even more special since the plan is, as it has been for years, to all sit and enjoy a meal, family style. This year, Tania asked if we might be able to even serve the meal family style, rather than having the kids come into the kitchen to get individual trays. We're going to give it a try!

As always, not just in "Thankful November", I appreciate the opportunity to serve my community as Director. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families and Go Pack Go!

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