



Sept. 2021 – Feb. 2022

Newsletter

New Year, New Faces!

National School Lunch Program

As of the start of this school year, all schools in the Ridgefield Public School District are a part of the NSLP!

This means that all students are eligible to receive a free complete meal at school on a daily basis. However, there are requirements as to what counts as a complete meal.

Students must take **3 out of 5** elements listed below, in order to meet the requirements of the free complete meal.
1 of those 5 MUST be a fruit of vegetable.

1. Meats or Meat Alternative
2. Grains
3. Vegetables
4. Fruit
5. Milk

Coming back for the 2021-2022 school year is something our staff was looking forward to after a year of remote/hybrid learning.

Everyone has been happy to be back in person and interacting with the students once again. It has been a long time coming!

With the start of the school year, we welcomed some new faces to our team across the district. Recruiting has been a high priority, as we know without our cafeteria workers, we wouldn't be able to serve up hot meals every single day. Schools that have welcomed new team members include SRMS and RHS. Additionally, we have had a new Chef Manager and a new Assistant Director of Dining Services join our district.

Please share a warm welcome as you pass through our cafeterias, as we hope to continue welcoming new faces as the school year moves ahead.



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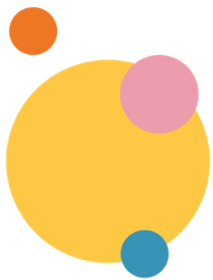
RHS Station Rotation!

In November, we welcomed two new members to our team, who have been stationed at RHS. Our goal is to reopen multiple stations that students love – the deli and pasta bar!

Over the next few months, you'll see some new station concepts rotating throughout the RHS cafeteria, which will provide more variety and introduce students to new dishes!

House Made Pickles at RHS – new addition to our burger topping bar





Mood Boost at SRMS

**Parfaits &
Pineapple
Tidbits for
“Alert” Week!**



**Our fantastic team
representing in
their Mood Boost
tees!**

**House-made
Corn &
Pineapple
Salsa for
“Confident”!**



Mood Boost at VPES



**Chick Pea
Salad for
“Happy”
Week!**

**Parfaits
for
“Happy”
Week!**



Elementary Environmental Signage



An update is underway in our district elementary schools!

We are introducing “Pop Art” Environmental signage to the cafeterias in an effort to create a warmer atmosphere that will encourage more students to come in to the café!



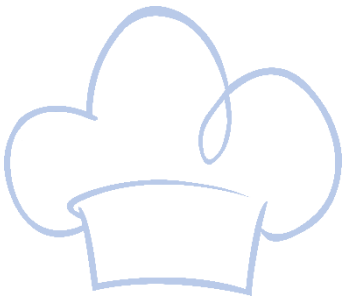


District Catering

End of Midterms Cookies & Hot Chocolate at RHS



Holiday Staff Breakfast at BMES



Farewell Luncheon for Business Manager at BOE