

Seize "Back to School" with School Breakfast at Lodi!

Lodi Elementary was featured in a video created to help spread the word to parents and families throughout Wisconsin on the benefits of the School Breakfast Program! Lodi School District was recognized as a leader and innovator thanks to the flexibility and creativity used to create a School Breakfast Program that was made to suit families in the School District of Lodi.

Access the video by visiting: <http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/school-breakfast-program/resources#parentvideo>



Benefits of Breakfast^{1,2}

For Learning

Eating breakfast gives your student the fuel they need to start their day. It has been shown that students who eat breakfast regularly are more likely to have:

- Better behavior in school.
- Improved concentration, alertness, and attentiveness in class.
- Abilities to perform problem-solving tasks and on standardized tests.
- Fewer absences and late arrivals.
- Improved math, reading and memory scores.

For Health

Eating breakfast improves the variety and intake of important nutrients for the growth and development of your student. Research has shown that students who eat breakfast regularly:

- Have less probability of overweight and obesity than children who don't eat breakfast.
- Are more likely to have adequate amounts of vitamin A, vitamin D, iron, fiber, and calcium.
- Have lower intakes of fat, cholesterol, and sodium.

The Breakfast Meal Pattern

School breakfasts now include more fruits/vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods, only fat-free or low-fat milk, "right-size" meals with portions designed for a child's age, zero trans fat, and less saturated fat and sodium.

These changes are a result of the new school meal standards established by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010—the first major changes to school meals in more than a decade. The changes are based on the latest nutrition science and the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

- Breakfast is made up of 3 components offered daily: Milk, Grain, and Fruit/Vegetable
 - Protein-rich foods may also be offered.
- All grains served as part of the meal are whole grain-rich.
- At least two varieties of milk are offered to students.
- All students must take at least ½ cup of fruit or vegetable as part of their breakfast.

Any questions about Lodi's School Breakfast Program?
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¹"Benefits of Breakfast." *Energize Your Day with School Breakfast Toolkit*. United States Department of Agriculture, 24 Jan. 2014. Web. 18 July 2014. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/toolkit_benefitsflyer.pdf>.

²"Breakfast for Learning." Food, Research, and Action Center, Spring 2014. Web. 25 July 2014. <<http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/breakfastforlearning.pdf>>.