

South Whidbey Food Service Monthly Summary

June Spotlight 2023

So much excitement this time of year! We held our Student Choice last month. The students were offered 2 different meals and they got to choose which was their favorite. It was between our Cauliflower Mac and Cheese and our BBQ riblet with Mac Salad...and the winner was Cauliflower Mac! We featured our winner in our June menu.



Highlights:

- We have served 56,079 meals to students since we opened the doors!
- Purchased 699 lbs of produce from the Garden this year.

We also started a new program called “Breakfast after the Bell”. Our SWA students are all offered a free breakfast and lunch daily. Some of these students don’t get breakfast due to late arrival or opt out because they are not hungry at that time. We now serve 2-3 choices of breakfast in their classroom which is offered from 745-10 am. They can get their breakfast any time during that window. We have seen a 30% increase in our breakfast participation! We will continue this program next year with SWA.

Discovery Kitchen's theme is Summer Fun! We held our All School BBQ at the Middle and High School on June 7th. We served Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Fruit Salad and Vanilla Ice Cream. We also had a generous donation of Baked Beans from Ikaika Bistro! Delicious! We hosted an All Staff BBQ on May 31 with the same menu. The K6 students had burgers served on May 30.



It has been a full year of gathering feedback from StudentVoice, providing Nutrition Classes, participating in new programs, freshening up our cafeterias and applying for grants. I am excited to continue on this trajectory next year and to expand on Discovery Kitchen, Mood Boost, Student Choice and even more Grant writing!



Next year we will start using cards for the K5 students. Students will get their card once they arrive in the lunchroom and scan their barcode upon checkout. We think this will expediate the checkout process and provide a more accurate system.



Finally, I wanted to express my appreciation to the Admin Team and Board Members for all their help and support this year! It has been a full year and I am grateful for this District!

Sincerely,
Rachael Mathews