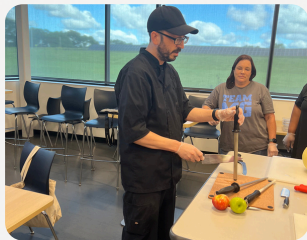


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* YOUR SCHOOL NUTRITION NEWSLETTER *



Staff Spotlight

Shout out to Madison College Culinary student intern, David, on a successful 10 months at Monona Grove! His culinary skills and passion for student meals has helped our department grow. Thank you Chef David!



School Nutrition Spotlight

Asian Club members teach kids how to make dumplings out of PlayDough at the Community Dinner.
Photo by Chundou Her

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Lunch Taste Test: HS, GDS**
January 6th, 15th
Secondary schools will taste test the NEW Banh Mi inspired cold sub that will be on the cold line weekly
- * **Around the World in 80 Trays**
January 20-22
Introducing cultural side dishes at lunch for all elementary schools & GDS. Read more in the main feature.
- * **Super Bowl Themed Lunch**
Friday, February 6th 🏈
All schools' winter themed lunch will be tailgate inspired to get students in the spirit of the Super Bowl!

MG Students Eat Culturally



MG School Nutrition will be participating in the "Around the World in 80 Trays" state-wide campaign - An initiative that encourages schools to provide more culturally inclusive foods in their meal programs and to educate & introduce students on foods they may not be familiar with. MG School Nutrition Department partnered with three of our high school student

cultural organizations (Asian Club, Latino's United, and Black Student Union) to provide recipes that are meaningful and representative to their respective cultures. These food items will be translated and offered on the school lunch menu during the third week of January at all elementary schools and middle school, followed by the High School and MG21's participation in February.

Message from the Dietitian

Welcome Back MG students and families! School Nutrition is excited to be back; providing meals to feed our many growing minds & bodies at our schools. We strive to provide well rounded, homemade, and local foods for all students. Check out our school meal menus today! [LINK TO MENU PAGE](#)



Local Feature

A Farm Fresh School Year

First semester, we successfully had over 20 local items on our menus, spending over \$25,000 on local foods! We served Wisconsin-grown fruits, vegetables, dairy, beef, pork, and maple syrup! As the winter season approaches, it will be tougher for us to buy food locally. However, we are committed to continue spending dollars locally when we're able by purchasing items such as root vegetables, frozen foods, meat, dairy products, and dry goods.

Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey

School Nutrition wants to know what you think of school meals. Take our survey below!

[LINK TO SURVEY](#)



Favorite Moments this Fall



Fall Community Dinner on October 15th at MGHS was such a wonderful event!



Winn. students "crunch" on local apples from Pleasant Springs Orchard in Stoughton during The Great Apple Crunch in October.



School Nutrition did 4 cafeteria taste tests this fall! An engaging way for students to try our menu items and new recipes.



Winnequah kitchen staff gladly pose during our first themed menu day - Go Orange! during the second week of school.



MG Kitchen Managers Prepare the Banh Mi Sub

Recipe of the Month

Banh Mi Fusion Sub Sandwich

During a December culinary skills training, MG school nutrition staff learned various Southeast Asian recipes that could be adopted to our menus to promote cuisine variety & inclusion. Our MG secondary schools will put a Banh Mi-inspired sandwich on as a cold line option every Wednesday this month. What is Banh Mi? It is a Vietnamese savory sandwich typically filled with meat, and fresh raw, or pickled vegetables. [Try our recipe at home!](#)

Get Involved!

School Nutrition is looking to reform it's Local School Wellness (LSW) Policy Committee, and create a School Meals Task Force in 2026. Addressing whole-district wellness and school meal advancement efforts. Both groups encourage community, family, and student participation in a low commitment, volunteer setting. Please contact Kori Blumer, MGSD Registered Dietitian at kori.blumer@mgschools.net if interested.

