

THE DISH



* YOUR SCHOOL NUTRITION NEWSLETTER *



February Staff Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our School Nutrition staff members!

Carol M. - HS

Bonnie T. - DW Substitute

Linda M. - TPS

Jen F. - HS Manager
(January)



December Staff Training at Madison College

School Nutrition Spotlight

Culinary School Meets School Nutrition

Monona Grove School Nutrition is excited & honored to announce hosting another culinary student from Madison College for the remainder of the school year. This program encourages culinary students to consider school nutrition as a fulfilling career option after graduating. Our student intern, Gisele, will be learning the in's and out's of school nutrition through hands on

experiences. We are grateful for this partnership because it gives us more opportunity to practice and incorporate scratch cooking through recipe testing, staff trainings, and student engagements using the culinary student's skillset and personal interests - all leading to wider menu offerings for our students. Welcome Gisele!

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Super Bowl Themed Lunch

Friday, February 6th

Our winter themed lunch will be tailgate inspired to get in the spirit of the Super Bowl at all schools!

* Around the World in 80 Trays

February 3rd, 13th, & 19th

Introducing cultural side dishes at lunch for the high school. Provided by three HS student cultural clubs!

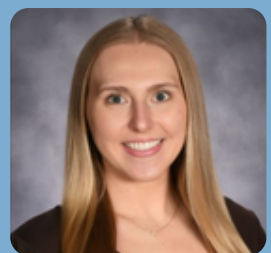
* Wisconsin Chili Lunch

Thursday, February 26th

All schools will be eating chili made with local ingredients for this fun state-wide event! Read more in our "Local Feature".

Message from the Dietitian

Welcome MG students and families! School Nutrition is excited to be here; 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

Wisconsin Chili Lunch!

The Wisconsin Chili Lunch is state-wide initiative to encourage local food integration in the school meal menu, similar to the Great Apple Crunch held in October. Monona Grove schools will eat lunch with a side of warm beef chili on

Thursday, February 26th. The local ingredients in the chili will include: dry beans, beef, onions, garlic, and local dairy as a topping. This chili recipe was used at the 2025 Spring Community Dinner held at Winnequah School.

Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey

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

[LINK TO SURVEY](#)



January Food Photos



NEW cinnamon apple local yogurt parfaits with homemade granola on rotation at MGHS!



NEW homemade beef teriyaki recipe with golden brown rice at secondary schools. Completed with our fruit & vegetable offerings.



Assistant Director, Dana Hoffman, poses for our successful Banh Mi Sub taste test at MGHS. Try it on Wednesday's!



Elementary and GDS students had a banana pudding treat for Around the World in 80 Trays. Thanks BSU for the recipe!



Recipe of the Month Beef Chili

Try our homemade beef chili recipe that will be on the school lunch menu for the Wisconsin Chili Lunch on February 26th! We will use this recipe with local ingredients for the event. Including ground beef, dry beans, onion, and garlic. As well as local dairy toppings commonly used for chili. What do you enjoy eating with your chili? We like cornbread or grilled cheese!

View our chili recipes [here](#). This link includes a hearty beef & vegetable chili recipe, and a classic beef chili recipe. Enjoy!

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.

