



Mercer Island School District

Food Service Newsletter

March 2026



Participation!

Island Park put out a survey to 14 classes ranging from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade to learn what the students want to see on the menu (coming in May!) as well as what they could do without. We love getting feedback on what we do well and any suggestions for new ideas!

Islander Middle School is celebrating Arab Heritage Month on April 23rd with Man'oushe Bread as well as featuring a new Caribbean Dish on April 29th. They are also trying out new items like the Miso Soup, a Spicy Thai Noodle Salad, Sweet Chili Pineapple Chicken and an Egg Drop Soup.

Raising Cane at the High School was a HUGE success last month. We served Chicken Fingers with Baked Beans and Corn on the Cob to 400 students. The High School also featured a Ruben on St. Patrick's Day, a Bento Box and a Mac & Cheese bar with bacon, pulled pork or chicken.



KMIH 88.9 interviewed our Kitchen Manager Caylynn, and gathered input from several High School students on what they want to see on the upcoming menus.

We also partnered with the Radio Station to do a taste off during lunch. We sampled Acai bowls with berries & granola and an Acai bowl with Nutella & banana. It was a close count, but the Berry Bowl won. We have another sampling with the Radio coming up in April!

April will bring back the Banh Mi Sandwich on the 23rd to the High School and Thai Beef on May 1. We will also introduce the Islander Sourdough Jack (our spin on the Sourdough Jack) on the 21st.



Respectfully, Rachael Mathews