Step Right Up for National School Lunch Week 2026!

Get ready, Broward County, the “Cafeteria Circus” is coming to town! Celebrate **National School Lunch Week (NSLW)** with Food and Nutrition Services on **October 12–16, 2026**, for a chance to win some spectacular prizes!

Students across the district are invited to celebrate with two fun opportunities:

- 🎨 **Poster Contest**
- 🎟️ **Big Top Raffle Competition**

These initiatives promote healthy eating habits while encouraging creativity and participation in school meal programs.

🎉 Join the Fun!

National School Lunch Week is more than just a celebration—it’s an opportunity to highlight the importance of nutritious school meals and student engagement.

We encourage schools to:

- Promote both competitions to students
- Celebrate student creativity and participation
- Encourage students to enjoy school breakfast and lunch daily

Together, let’s make NSLW 2026 a fun, colorful, and successful “Cafeteria Circus” experience!

📞 **Questions?**
Contact **Christopher Ruiz, Assistant Program Manager, Nutrition Education & Training** at 954-803-0609 for more information.

🎨 Poster Contest: Bring the “Cafeteria Circus” to Life

Students are encouraged to create original artwork that reflects what the NSLW theme **“Cafeteria Circus”** means to them.

🏆 Recognition & Awards

- Winning posters will be displayed at the district level and honored at a special reception.
- The **Grand Prize winner will receive an iPad.**

📋 Contest Rules & Regulations

To ensure fairness and consistency, all posters must follow these requirements:

☑️ Artwork Requirements

- Must be **100% student-created** (no assistance).
- **No digital artwork allowed.**
- **No cut-outs, glued pieces, or attached materials.**

🎨 Accepted Materials (including but not limited to)

- Crayons
- Markers
- Watercolors
- Acrylic paint

📏 Poster Size

- Minimum: **10” x 12”**
- Maximum: **16” x 22”**

👥 Submission Limits

- **One poster per student** (no group entries).
- Schools may submit **only ONE poster per grade level** to the district.

🏷️ Submission Requirements

- Posters must be **matted** and a completed label must be attached to the **lower right FRONT corner**

📅 Important Dates

- **October 13, 2026:** Poster submissions due
- Schools should select winners before NSLW begins

💡 Example Poster Ideas

A student might create:

- A circus tent cafeteria scene

- Healthy foods like fruits and vegetables acting as performers
- A “ringmaster” promoting balanced school meals

This kind of creative approach aligns with the theme and contest expectations.

🎟️ Big Top Raffle Competition: Eat, Earn, and Win!

Students can participate in the **Big Top Raffle Competition** simply by enjoying school meals during NSLW week!

🎯 How to Earn Entries

- **Lunch = 3 entries**
- **Breakfast = 1 entry**

Students can earn multiple entries per day by eating both breakfast and lunch.

☑️ Eligibility Rules

- Students must earn **at least 5 entries** to qualify for the raffle.

💡 Example

- Day 1: Breakfast + Lunch = 4 entries
- Day 2: Lunch only = 3 entries
- Day 3: Breakfast only = 1 entry
- Day 4: No Breakfast or Lunch = 0 entries
- Total for the Week = 8 entries (Eligible for the raffle)

🏆 Prizes

- **15 total winners across the district:**
  - 5 Elementary
  - 5 Middle
  - 5 High School
- Each winner receives a **$100 Visa Gift Card**