

Regional School Unit #34 Food Service

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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What's Going on in Food Service:

Well, it would probably be easier to list what isn't going on in RSU 34 Food Service, but here goes...

Staff: About one third of our staff is new and some of our staff has been relocated. We started the year with subs because two of our key staff members were out. One came back this week and the other will come back in about a month.

OTES Staff includes Kitchen Manager Kim Barnes, Food Service Assistants Dottie Ehman*, Lori Smart*, Gail Johnson, Michelle Shorey & Amy Murray*. (missing from our picture, but watch for her in another report!).



LMS Food Service Assistants are Samantha Downs, Jennifer Granholm & Desiree Lilly*.



At OTHS we have Food Service Assistants Debbie Spencer, Danielle Rackliff, Jill Walker* & Marion Hallowell. Absent is Kitchen Manager Ann Richard.



In Alton, we have Darlene Moore*, and in Bradley we have Gail Johnson, who is also at OTES.



In addition to our kitchen staff, Paul Ouellette drives our truck, delivering food and various other things from one kitchen to another.

Kim Hayward works in the office and serves multiple needs all over the district. We have a wonderful staff! (* indicates new staff members.)





LMS breakfast is slightly lower, but I am still hoping that we will find that students have had breakfast but we have not been able to enter their participation in the POS. Students at LMS are in the process of taking a breakfast survey. Once that is complete we will work on revamping their breakfast program to better meet their needs and wants.

Breakfast in the Classroom:

Breakfast in the Classroom has been both challenging and, I believe, successful. We have new staff both in our classrooms and in our kitchen. Most of our new students were not in the POS on the first day of school, or the second day of school, or even the second week of school because the state has not been releasing their state ID numbers. Yesterday we were finally able to put the last 80 in. That has created significant problems in processing the meals, and will continue to do so as we play catch-up over the next couple of weeks. However, the good news is that teachers were wonderful, kids got fed, and the approximate participation numbers that I have right now are continuing to rise. At the end of last week, we were serving about 200 breakfasts at OTES, which would put us at over 33% participation there. In September 2016, our participation was less than 22%, and the highest all of last year was just over 27%. Way to go OTES!!!

Other participation rates in the district...Alton is the top performer at 35%, and that is without Breakfast in the Classroom! LMS is at 14%. VRES is at 20% and OTHS is at 9%. It should be noted that OTHS has a habit of picking up as the weather gets colder. They are pretty even with where they were last September. Both Alton and Viola Rand have increased considerably from where they were last September.

Lunch Participation

We are only half way through the first month and with so many students not in the POS on any given day I am going to wait until October to provide you with lunch participation numbers.

Miscellaneous

We are in the process of purchasing a new oven unit for Old Town High School. We have had various repairs done on dishwashers, a salad bar, coolers and freezers. Thankfully nothing major seems to be going on right now, but we are taking notes and making plans.

Special Events:

- 9/14: Spaghetti Supper @ OTES
- 9/19: Financial Aid Night @ OTHS
- 9/25: Safety Care Training @ AES
- 10/2: Safety Care Training @ AES
- 10/3: Wellness Ambassador Training
- 10/19: Let's Go 5-2-1-0 School Symposium

Respectfully Submitted,
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