FEBRUARY 2026 CAFETERIA NEWS

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Director of Dining Services

Wow, what a wonderful year we have had so far in food service. Extremely hard to believe February is here already and at this pace it will be May before we can blink! We are participating in our 2nd year of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) which has allowed us to continue serving Free Breakfast and Lunch to All students!! We are hoping to continue this program for the 26-27 school year as well!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

At both elementary schools, we had a lot of fun with "Special Name of the Day." If your name was chosen, you were in luck –you received a cookie just for being you! Students looked forward to this each day with great anticipation, eagerly waiting to find out which name or names would be selected. It was wonderful to see how excited they were. Coming soon we'll have to see who gets the "Lucky Tray".

We keep introducing new menu items along with new fresh fruits and vegetables, not all are a big hit, but they did seem to really enjoy the plums. The pumpkin bread was a big hit with their Thanksgiving dinner; however, nothing can compare to Pizza Friday with fruit "Side Kicks".

RUSHVILLE NEWS

Chili Days WARM BELLIES

What can we say about Rushville MS...you certainly can say they are a hungry bunch! So enjoyable to see students eating and growing taller by the day, I believe. Our 5th Grade students this year definitely try the new menu items along with all the fruits and vegetables. Good job kids, keep trying new things!

We ran our "Chili Days Warm Bellies" through December in several different ways. Again, the pumpkin bread with the homestyle Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success. Little did we know that we would encounter 3 Snow Days prior to Winter Break which would then turn into 8 Snow Days for the month of January. It was a wonderful feeling actually getting back to feeding all the MS students, did I mention, they love to eat and we are happy to oblige!

NATIONAL BREAKFAST WEEK - MARCH 2-6, 2026
Be sure to stop in and get your day started with us!

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The awesome students at FUHS have been so enjoyable. They have brought such a sense of "FUN" into the cafeteria. We added a new station this year called the "Sono Bar" every Tuesday and Thursday. I must say, I believe it is a favorite!

Global Eats

Our Asian based menus are gaining popularity amongst the students as well, giving them a taste of "Global Eats" along with "Hot-N-Spicy".

Thanks to Bridgid Mahler and several helpers, the students were treated to a magnificent table setting to welcome them while enjoying their Thanksgiving meal! It actually brought a tear to my eye for the students and hoping they know what it feels like when we use the term "Falcon Family".

They too have eagerly tried new menu items along with different fresh fruits and vegetables.

Just a little side note: All 4 buildings continue to receive Gold Star standards in our kitchens with the Fairfield County Health Department!! This is certainly something to be very proud of. We have been short staffed most of the year and yet the amazing Food Service staff always comes through it all with a smile on their face. I can't say enough about them.

TOTAL MEALS SERVED

56,653 Breakfasts

118,470 Lunches

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