

Raymond School Nutrition Service

Winter Update December 2018

We are definitely showing some positive progress as compared to the August/September snapshot that was provided in early October. We are still not all the way back to our participation rate from October/ November of 2017. This would still be the result of a price increase this year, and some shifts like this are to be expected. The important thing is that we do appear to be recovering some lost ground at this point.

We are delighted to be seeing some growth at RHS in lunch participation. This is a reflection on the creativity and versatility of our menus on both the Main and New Wave Deli lines. Customer satisfaction and input continue to be nurtured as our “regulars” interact increasingly with Nutrition Services Staff.

Free & Reduced eligible population in our schools is actually the same percentage as at this point last year. Last year’s carryover was still reflected in the Fall update, so these are now “real” SY 2018-19 numbers. While the enrollment is down the total Free & Reduced are as well, but at least it has proportionally stabilized.

Since the Fall update, we celebrated October’s National School Lunch Week in all 3 schools. Poster contests were held at LRES and IHGMS. 4 groups at LRES and 2 homerooms at IHGMS won the opportunity to work with us to pick their favorites for a day’s lunch menu. These feature days were tagged as the work of the class on the menu, with an additional shout out to the groups in the footnotes as well. With such short months, and November’s menu being already written, there were 2 student menu days in December at LRES. Both LRES and IHGMS January menus contain 2 days of student menus.

Also to celebrate the theme “School Lunch-Lots 2 Love” memory walls were established in each building. Students and staff were invited to share favorite meals, school lunch foods, event or people as notes which were posted on these walls. Everyone likes to be asked their opinion, and it was great fun to collect and create these displays.

Thanksgiving Feast in November and Holiday Feasts in December rounded out our very busy season. These traditions were featured in addition to several other celebrations such as salutes to Charles Schultz, Cookie Monster’s and Mickey Mouse’s (90th) birthdays, National Biscuit and National Cocoa day. There is always something to cook up in the kitchens!

Below is a snapshot comparison of October/November 2017 and 2018 numbers.

School	Enrollment	Ave Daily Attendance	Total Lunches	Daily Average	% participation
<i>October/ November 2018 (38 days)</i>					
IHGMS	384	353	7551	199	56
LRES	454	413	8717	229	55
RHS	369	308	5008	132	43
<i>October/ November 2017 (38 days)</i>					
IHGMS	400	370	8236	217	59
LRES	459	419	8908	234	56
RHS	376	342	5171	136	40