

With the new meal price for the 2016/2017 SY having to have been raised per the federal paid meal price equity calculator that I was required to do, I have worked very hard this summer to bring in new products for the students to purchase as ala-carte, and new exciting entrees as well.

Some new ala-carte items we will have at the High School level and some at the Middle school will be Gatorade/G2, Doritos have been brought back 3 kinds, hot Cheetos(the Student's absolute favorite!), Popcorn, Chili Cheese Cheetos, a variety of pop tarts, muffins and name brand yogurts. Strawberry milk has been added as an option for lunch.

I have been looking into bringing back ice-cream and or frozen yogurt as well.

Some entrée items that are new at the High school, Philly Steak and cheese hoagie, Bacon, ranch chicken sandwich, Shrimp Poppers, Salisbury steak, Bacon Cheeseburgers, Meatball Sub, Steak fajitas, I was able to bring back the large Smucker's Uncrustables which they love more than anything. They have 4 to 5 entrée choices every day.

The Middle School and UE students will also be offered a bacon cheeseburger, the steak hoagie, meatball sub, pizza bagels which they loved at the end of last year, along with an entrée choice every day. They too will be offered the Uncrustable, a sub sandwich and or a yogurt plate as a choice.

We will also be offering the students chips for ala-carte very soon after the year begins.

The Elementary school will be having a bacon cheeseburger as well, Popcorn chicken which they adore, I have brought in some different pizza options as well as breadsticks and chicken items that are their favorites.

I have brought in more named brand items that the students know and love, puddings, Jell-O's, slushies and dipping sauce cups for an example.

I have worked extremely hard with the food Co-op that we are in to find products that the students like based on past participation numbers and items that have been requested in the past, (bacon cheeseburgers being top on the list). There are very strict rules and guidelines in the National School Lunch program that must be followed and I feel that I have kept within those rules and also brought the students items that they will enjoy.

I look forward to sharing with you the participation numbers after the first few months of the New Year.

Sincerely,

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