

Zionsville Food Services

Cafeteria Chatter

August/September 2017



Add These Dates to Your Calendar

First Day of School	Tuesday	August	8
Labor Day – No School	Monday	September	4
In-Service	Wednesday	September	13
Homecoming	Friday	September	22
Jog-A-Thon	Wednesday	September	27
E-Day	Thursday	October	5
In-Service	Wednesday	October	11
Fall Break – No School	Mon-Fri	October	16-20
In-Service	Wednesday	November	15
E-Day	Thursday	November	16
Thanksgiving Break	Wed-Fri	November	22-24
In-Service	Wednesday	December	13
Winter Break	Mon-Fri	Dec/Jan	23-5

PRODUCTION POINTS

By; Amy White

RECIPES

The nursing staff/students/parents rely on nutritional and allergen information for their health. It is up to us to follow standardized recipes exactly in order keep the food we serve accurate to our documentation.

1. Everything we serve has a recipe
2. If you do not have a recipe, ask your manager for one.
3. If a recipe does not exist, do not serve it. The manager will need to get with the FSO for further instruction/information.
4. Read the recipes carefully.
5. Follow the recipe exactly. Save your culinary creativity for home please.
6. Review recipes frequently. Sometimes our memory can fail us.
7. If you have an idea for a new recipe, get with your manager with your idea. Your manager can then contact the FSO.

WELCOME NEW ZCS FOOD SERVICE STAFF

Angela	Monitor	Z'West
Beth	Manager	ZMS
Caroline	Monitor	Union
Heidi	SUB	SUB
Kiandra	SUB	SUB
Kristine	SUB	SUB
Monica	SUB	Z'West
Roseann	Cook I	Union
Sangeeta	Cook I	Z'West
Trae	Cook II	ZMS

CASHIER'S CORNER

By Lisa Bond

Here is some information to raise your understanding of concerns regarding Meal Assistance and Café Purchase at ZCS. www.lunchapp.com – This link is available on the ZCS website under Lunch Menu then under Meal Assistance. When using this link the free and reduced lunch application is promptly received, eliminating any delay caused by mailing or dropping it off at a school. Another bonus is that the on-line app cannot be submitted until all required information is filled in, which means no hold up in determining benefits due to missing info.

- Upcoming Date: The free and reduced 30 day meal benefit carryover ends on September 19, 2017 and those families that have not reapplied will be switched to full pay beginning with breakfast & lunch on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. They can reapply at any time before or after the carryover date has expired.
- This is the time of year parents become more aware of their students spending habits and will be contacting Café Cashier/Managers regarding student accounts. If you were a parent inquiring what would you like to hear as an explanation regarding this topic?

Hire Date Anniversary



We want to recognize your service to Zionsville Community Schools. We are glad you are part of our team!

Whether you are new to ZCS or have been here for years, we value your contributions and want to recognize your years of service.

Be on the lookout for monthly listings of staff anniversary dates. Check out your kitchen's bulletin board!!

August

Sue	BME	1
Eva	FSO	2
Marie	HS	7
Laura	ZMS	8
Lisa	PVE	9
Alisha	EC	14
Lori	HS	16
Amy	FSO	18
Val	PVE	22

September

Elaine	EC	2
Marlene	HS	5
Carla	BME	11
Lynda	SG	17
Cherryl	UE	29
Kat	ZMS	29

October

Judy	PVE	7
Vivi	SUB	11
Steve	HS	11
Tina	FC	15
Angela	ZWMS	17
Lisa	FSO	19
Patty	HS	23

If we missed your birthday, please accept our apologies and know that we wish you a very happy birthday.



DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

At this time I want to send greetings AND appreciation to each ZCS Food Service staff member!!! To say this year has already been filled with memorable events would perhaps be an understatement. There have been the Derek Peterson training, the Developing Cultural Understanding presentation, new / absent staff members, menu modifications, Fall Festival parade and then some!!! It's certainly my hope that most of these events have been POSITIVE, yet understandably, a few have perhaps been trying and that's called LIFE, right?

Thanks for being a part of our team and sharing thoughts, ideas, concerns, as well as involvement, enthusiasm and active participation as we strive to move forward!

Here's wishing you a fabulous, upcoming Fall Break AND much smooth sailing before we arrive.

-Jan Swander

ZCS Enrollment

August	SY 16-17	SY 17-18
ZCHS	1949	2008
ZMS	1165	1173
ZWMS	1025	1075
PVE	816	807
EAGLE	409	397
UNION	647	655
STONEGATE	502	531
BME	429	482
TOTAL	6942	7128
Net increase for August 2017 compared to August 2016 = +186		

A Taste of Piazza!

Piazza Produce conducted a "Taste of Piazza" food show at Banker's Life Fieldhouse on Tuesday, August 22nd. After lunch was served that day at ZCS, 4 of the ZCS Food Service Department managers headed downtown to attend the event and gain information (see comments below).

Those attending were: Lisa B (FSO); Beth (ZMS), Marlene (ZCHS) and Amy W (FSO).

- In ONE word, how would you describe "A Taste of Piazza" event?
 - Tasty
 - Flavorful
 - Inspirational
 - Interesting
- What 2 items did you taste/see that you think would sell in a ZCS Cafeteria?
 - Asian Noodle Salad
 - Cucumber/Honeydew Salad
 - The chocolate dipped pretzel sticks were cute and delicious for an 80 calorie snack.
 - Romaine Lettuce
 - Pretzel Stick with decorated chocolate.
 - Refried Beans – a different brand than ours
 - Specialty veggies (mini peppers, mini cucumbers, etc.)
- Was there any food item you tasted for the first time?
 - Several new cheese varieties
 - Asian Noodle Salad
 - Horseradish Sweet Pickles by Nathan's!
 - Lots of different cheeses..both hard and soft, with lots of samples!
- What was the most enjoyable aspect of the event?
 - I enjoyed the school section with the trays presented in such an appetizing way with coordinating items being served.
 - Conversations with vendors, reps, staff from other districts and foodservice industry members in order to collaborate and share ideas.
 - Enjoyed the samples and tastings and especially the cheesecake. Great ice carvings and produce displays. Enjoyed meeting the vendors and Piazza staff.
 - It is amazing on how much product other than fruit and veggies they sell out of their warehouse. They support Indiana companies

In-Service Meeting Dates

Wednesday	Sept.	13	TBD
Wednesday	Oct.	11	TBD
Wednesday	Nov.	15	TBD
Wednesday	Dec.	13	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan.	17	TBD
Wednesday	Feb	14	TBD
Wednesday	March	21	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	April	25	TBD
Wednesday	May	16	2:00 – 3:00 pm

Own Kitchen	
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FC - Café	Cookie Walk
Own Kitchen	
Own Kitchen	
FC - Cafe	Bake Off
Own Kitchen	
FC - Café	End of Year!

" Few men during their lifetime come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used."
~Richard Byrd

Enter to Win

Answer correctly for a chance to win:
What is the temperature danger zone?

Contact Amy White either by phone or email
by 2:00 pm Monday, September 18, 2017
to be entered into a drawing for a prize.

317-893-1232 x11620

awhite@zcs.k12.in.us

Flu Shots

Flu shots will once again be available to all ZCS employees for free starting September 18.

For more information regarding locations, times, paperwork and information regarding shots for dependents please see your manager.

Fall Festival Parade

Thanks to ALL those who participated in this year's Fall Festival parade! What a fun event and what an absolutely gorgeous day it was!!!! This year there were 22 ZCS Food Service affiliated participants who donated their Saturday morning to spread some cheer in the community and do some positive marketing for all the department! Marlene (HS) was joined by SEVEN family members including 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law, 3 grandsons and 1 hubby! ☺ Her son, Ryan did an amazing job designing and building our own pirate ship! Her grandsons, Landon made for a great "Buttercup", the cow and Brady was a natural in the role of Bobby Banana) Kathy (UE), Nancy (SGE) and Sheila (EE) also demonstrated their talents and creativity by pulling together some incredible costumes the night before the parade!!! Piazza Produce was most generous as in the past by donating 3 cases of petite bananas. In total, more than 2, 500 items were handed out by the ZCS Food Service Department.

Mark your calendars for next year's parade: Saturday, September 8, 2018!

Participants: Charisse (EC @ Fresh Ctr), Cheryl (BME) + 2 daughters, Jan (FSO), Kathy (UE), Kristin (WMS) + 3 sons, Maggie (WMS) + 1 daughter, Marlene (HS) + 7 family members, Nancy (SGE), Steve (HS)

Completion of the Year Incentive

-Jan Swander

For the second year, the ZCS Food Service Department will be offering a special, year-end bonus to recognize and retain current staff! The "Completion of the Year Incentive" is aimed at each food service employee in a regular position that is employed on student day one and still employed on the final student day of this school year, at which time they will be eligible to receive a \$200 bonus. This bonus will be paid after the last day of school. For each year of continued/unbroken employment in a regular position, employees will be eligible for an additional \$50 per year up to a maximum bonus of \$700 after 10 years of employment.

In order to be eligible the employee must not have any unpaid days throughout the year. Exceptions may be made for time lost during the first 90 days of employment, as discussed with the Director of Food Service, in advance of the absence(s).

HACCP/Food Safety Policy

The latest version of our HACCP/Food Safety Policy is out. Ask your manager about the changes to the policy. These changes impact all of us in our day-to-day activities.

Changes you will notice to our record keeping forms include the Ice Machine Cleaning Schedule, the Temperature Log Sheets, and the Food Contact Surfaces Cleaning and Sanitizing Log.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

This is a publication by and for the ZCS Food Service staff. If you would like to submit an article or idea for the next publication, please contact Amy W.