

Zionsville Food Service Cafeteria Chatter

May 2018



Add These Dates to Your Calendar

2017/2018 School Year

In-Service - End of Year	Wednesday	May	16
Freshman Center Café 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.			
Last Student Day	Friday	May	25

2018/2019 School Year

In-Service - Back to School	Monday	August	6
Location TBD 9:30 am – 3:00 pm			
Labor Day – No School	Monday	September	3
Fall Festival Parade	Saturday	September	8
E-Day (Middle Schools)	Thursday	September	13
E-Day (Middle Schools)	Thursday	October	4
Fall Break	Mon-Fri	October	15-19
E-Day (Middle Schools)	Thursday	November	15
Strikes for Special Olympics	Saturday	November	17
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis			
Thanksgiving – No School	Wed – Fri	November	21-23
Winter Break	Mon – Fri	December 24- Jan 4	
E-Day (Middle Schools)	Thursday	March	21



~ If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of the earth. ~
 -- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

PRODUCTION POINTS:

By: Amy White

Canning, freezing, fermenting and drying are some awesome ways to enjoy seasonal, local produce year round. Not sure how to go about preserving food? There are plenty of opportunities around town to learn how. Check out some of the following sources for more information and classes on food making, foraging and preservation

- Purdue Extension Home Food Preservation - <https://extension.purdue.edu/marshall/pages/article.aspx?intItemID=28390>
- Tulip Tree Creamery Classes - <https://www.tuliptreecreamery.com/classes/>
- White Pines Urban Foraging - <https://whitepinewilderness.com/adult-programs/herbalism-foraging>

CASHIER'S CORNER:

By: Lisa Bond

As another year comes to a close...

- We welcomed Maggie Procter as WMS Cashier this year.
- Roberta Nelson, Cashier at the High School took advantage of the offer to run a POS at another location as advertised in August. She was able to run the POS at Stonegate, and both Middle Schools, way to go Roberta!
- We started utilizing School Messenger this month via texting parents whose students had a negative balance.
- New this coming school year: To ensure all incoming 5th grade student/parents have some knowledge of what a la carte items we will be selling at our middle schools we would like to set up a line with signs, prices and a sample of each item. This will give the incoming 5th grade student/parent a better perspective of what to expect the first day of school.
- We are ordering office supplies for this coming school year which will be distributed before the new school year begins.

Wishing you a fun and relaxing summer doing what you like to do best!

BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE IN-SERVICE

Monday, August 6th from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (Details to be shared via School Messenger the week prior.)
 This date was selected based on input from the April 2018 kitchen in-services.



May			June			July			August		
Dorothy	PVE	9	Jody	SGE	2	Mamta	UE	1	Sue	BME	1
Kathy	UE	10	Rosalie	SUB	3	Pam	SUB	6	Eva	FSO	2
Jennifer	HS	12	Windy	FC	17	Chris	SGE	9	Marie	HS	7
Sylvia	WMS	14	Shelley	BME	19				Angela	PVE	8
Chrissy	FC	15	Tamatha	PVE	19				Lisa	PVE	9
Jillian	ZMS	16	Judy	PVE	19				Raul	SUB	12
Maggie	WMS	18	Pam	SGE	24				Alisha	EC	14
Jenny	SUB	21							Lori	HS	16
Sharron	PVE	22							Amy	FSO	18
Mary	SUB	23							Val	PVE	22
Jan	FSO	23									
Kris	SUB	25									

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

By: Jan Swander

Suffice it to say that this year has been what I HOPE is one of a kind! (Gee, do I say that every year?) Well, I'm reminded that good or bad, EVERY day and EVERY situation (including entire school years) are one of a kind, and so we make the most of them, come what may!

While we've been short-handed and struggled to find staff to fill positions, it's been really amazing to see what things have evolved. We've repeatedly had staff to step up and out to handle unexpected situations in their own or other locations. We've looked at things differently, out of necessity, and been reminded of the concept that just because we've ALWAYS done things one way, doesn't mean we can't (and shouldn't) do them another way!

I am feeling optimistic that based on this year, we will see some changes in the coming school year. It's my hope that you will journey on with us and see where it leads! If for various reasons you won't be returning, please know that your contributions have been valued and will be missed. To ALL, thanks for EVERYTHING you do, especially with the awareness that you may not always receive strong recognition; my apologies for my role in that oversight! It is my further hope that you know within your heart that you DO make a difference in the lives of many and your efforts HAVE positively contributed to this generation of kids! You each have made a mighty powerful contribution! Now, with that knowledge here's to a smooth end to the 2017-18 school year and a FANTASTIC and most restful summer! See you in August!

10 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS!

While ANY length of service to ZCS is greatly valued, special recognition is given to ZCS Employees when they complete a 10-year block of time (i.e. 10, 20 or 30 years)! This year the ZCS Food Service Department recognizes the following individuals who have provided 10 years of service to our department. Congratulations and THANK YOU, Ladies!

- Elaine (Eagle Café at Freshman Center)
- Kathy (Union Elementary)
- Sharron (Pleasant View Elementary)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations and MANY THANKS to Cheryl, Union Cook I for having perfect attendance August 8, 2017 – May 18, 2018!

She is truly ONE OF A KIND this year!

GRADUATES!

The following individuals have children/grandchildren who are graduating or completing their high school or college career. CONGRATULATIONS to the graduates AND to the parents and family members who have encouraged and supported them!!!!

- Lori - HS Main Café
- Elaine - Fresh. Center Eagle Café
- Cathy - Fresh. Center Eagle Café
- Amy - Z'West Café
- Bobbe - Eagle Elementary x 3 graduates!
- Nancy - Stonegate Elementary
- Eva - Food Service Office



SPECIAL THANKS TO LIFE SKILL STUDENTS!

Appreciation is extended to the Life Skill students at the High School Campus and ZMS for the contributions they make to the ZCS Food Service Department. They assist by stocking certain items like bottled beverages and snack items, folding laundry, washing tables and doing other duties. As the school year ends, three locations are receiving Domino's pizza so that they can have their own party, courtesy of the ZCS Food Service Department.

NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY COMING IN SY 2018-2019

45-60-minute training sessions are being planned for next school year. Possible topics include: Food Safety, Time Management, Nutrition, School Lunch Program, Food Tasting, Communication, Etc. If there is a specific topic you would enjoy learning about, please notify Jan!

NAIL POLISH CONTINUES!

You may recall that this is the first school year in which we have permitted the use of nail polish for kitchen staff. In April 2018 at the kitchen in-services, we re-visited this topic to see if there were issues of concern amongst the department. At that time, only 3 folks indicated a concern and 48 saw no concern. While nail polish will continue for the upcoming school year, please note the information on page 11 of our handbook addendum which indicates that nails should be:

"short to moderate length". In addition, nail polish if worn, is to "look professional and cover the nail". Finally, artificial nails are prohibited.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

If YOU have an interest in possibly becoming a ZCS Food Service Manager at some point in your career, you can enter a chance to win a one day paid "Leadership Academy" course through the Indiana School Nutrition Association (<https://www.indianasna.org/>).

The Leadership Academy course is being held on Monday, June 25, 2018 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the ZCS Educational Services Center. The cost of the course will be paid for by the ZCS Food Service Department and you will attend on your own, unpaid time.

To enter for a chance to win:

1. No specific entry form is required; a piece of paper will suffice.
2. In a minimum of 100 words, explain why you would enjoy attending and what you hope to gain from the experience.
3. Write your name on the BACK of your paper so it can remain anonymous until the "judging" is complete.
4. Place your entry in an envelope and before Friday, May 25, 2018, send your entry to Courtney, Receptionist at the Zionsville Educational Services Center.

Before June 2, 2018, a committee of ZCS professionals, none of whom are affiliated with the ZCS Food Service Department, will make the final determination as to the winner.

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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. 317.873.1232 x11620 or awhite@zcs.k12.in.us