



## April 2024 | Food Service Report

*Whiteford Agricultural School District*

*Bringing Your Cafeteria to You!*

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We were proud to see how our district handled the Community water issues that arose in April. Our TNG staff worked diligently to create safe and healthy food for our staff and students.

## **TNG On-Site at Whiteford Agricultural Schools**

# Participation

## Across the Cafeteria



	Budget	Actual
Breakfast	75	172
Lunch	273	470
Ala-Carte	205	97



*It is exciting to see so many students taking advantage of the free food program. We love seeing more students beginning the day with a nutritious breakfast.*

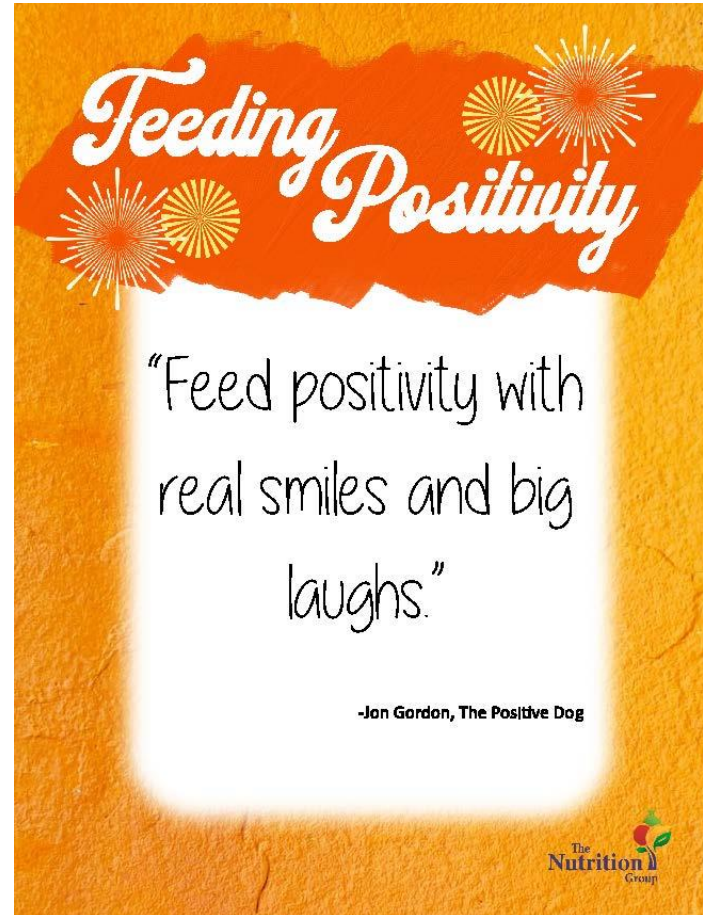


# Feeding Positivity

We continue to convey the powerful messages of “The Positive Dog” throughout the year in our cafeterias!

These are our objectives and messages for April.

- DFNs are to impart a sense of levity in the operation by feeding the team with laughter.
- DFNs will visit each building, update the Message and include a Punny Food Poster.
- Initiate humorous conversation by telling a funny story or joke or reminisce about a funny past time that included the team.
- Remind the staff the importance of humor and laughter as it relates to a positive outlook on life.



# School Lunch Hero Day 2024!

Mark Your Calendars: Friday, May 3, 2024



Stop by any cafeteria to watch school nutrition professionals prepare healthy meals for students—all while adhering to strict nutritional standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile- and you will see they are the true heroes!

This is why we celebrate School Lunch Hero Day every year on the first Friday in May. This annual observance showcases the difference school nutrition professionals make in the lives of every child who comes through the cafeteria.

# Vendor Partnerships

## We value our partnerships with our trusted vendors.

Our purchasing team takes the time to meet and evaluate the most reputable wholesale food suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors in the industry. We are seeking partners that provide products that not only meet federal and state guidelines but product offerings that are appealing to our customers.

## One of our valued partners is Pilgrim's Foodservice.



## Built on a foundation of over 70 years of experience.

- Pilgrim's makes delicious simple with their fully cooked chicken products
- Their products are manufactured using only top-quality poultry products that are sustainably sourced
- High-quality meat is used in all of their products to provide nutritious meals for students
- Great tasting flavor, healthy choices
- Innovative chicken products



Pilgrim's vision guides everything they do to be the best and most respected company in their industry and creating opportunity of a better future for their team members. This is just one of the reasons we value their partnership.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**TO JOIN US IN YOUR CAFETERIA**  
**FOR OUR**  
**SPECIAL EVENTS!!!**



- Teacher Appreciation Week: We are looking forward to creating some goodies to help celebrate our Districts hard working staff! The Teachers are the backbone of our community, and we are honored to help celebrate them the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Our fifth graders will be joining us at the Middle School to experience their first “Middle School” lunch with many more exciting options to try.
- Honor’s Breakfast: This special breakfast being hosted by the Parents Association; is another activity we are excited to help create! These students deserve a treat to celebrate their successes.
- We finish off the month with Senior Donuts; a sweet way to send off our students moving onto great things ahead.



TNG's commitment to our customers doesn't end at simply serving great food. We care about our student's overall health and well-being, and we are committed to educating our kids about healthy eating through our *Everyday* **NUTRITION** initiative. Below are some of our programs that highlight healthy eating and nutritional options within our cafeterias!



#### **FRUITY FRIDAYS**

Ensuring our students have access to healthy choices is a top priority for the TNG family. Fruity Friday offers a delightful and engaging opportunity to introduce a range of fresh fruits to kids. At lunchtime, students can enjoy crafting their own colorful fruit salads at our special station.



#### **SNACK ATTACK**

Designed to keep hunger at bay between meals, our snack table empowers students to customize their own healthy trail mix snacks from a variety of nutritious ingredients all while learning about the importance of healthy snacking.



#### **VARY YOUR VEGETABLES**

We've revamped the traditional lunch by offering top-notch produce. Students learn about the nutritional benefits of vegetables while planting and growing their own garden vegetables.



#### **FRIDAY TRY-DAY**

Students have the opportunity to sample one of our featured "new or unusual" food items while discovering its nutritional advantages. We believe it's crucial for students to understand what they're consuming and how to make informed, healthy eating decisions.





# Thank You!



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