

Report from School Nutrition Program for 2017-2018 Wellness Policy

Jeff Davis SNP continues to provide clear and consistent messages to students, staff and families through the monthly newsletters, website, and in the cafeteria. A monthly nutrition message is shared through the newsletters and kids companions with the month's menu. Kid's companion is printed as the back of the menu for schools whose students receive a hard copy of the menu. For families who have signed up to receive paperless menus, by registering for going green menus, the nutrition tip and link to home page are available on the menu as well as any featured event or promotion for the school nutrition program.

Annual events featured in the newsletters include National School Lunch Week, National School Breakfast Week, and National Hand Washing Awareness Week. Also featured in the monthly newsletters are recipes for the family to try, puzzles and games for the students and loads of information about the foods groups, requirements for the school nutrition program, dairy information, fruits and vegetables, healthy snacks and many other topics are covered. Georgia Grown products have been featured in the newsletters as well as Farm 2 School promotions.

The School Nutrition Program Website is full of nutrition education information for students, teachers and for home. It is another avenue of nutrition education SNP provides for the students and community. Click and see what there is to explore. There is also a nutrition and fitness tab for you to explore as well as nutrition, sports nutrition and fitness buttons. In addition to the program information about pricing and menus and prepayment options, there is also a link to the wellness policy and you even have access to the healthy snack calculator from our home page. If you want to know if your snacks are smart snack compliant, plug in the nutrition information from the packaging and see for yourself.

The school cafeterias are also considered a learning laboratory and encourage teacher and class involvement. Kitchen tours, nutrition education lessons and supplies for lessons are available for the asking.

In 2018, Jeff Davis Elementary School received a Shake it Up award for participating in the GDOE sponsored program and reporting their projects. Twenty five of our thirty five SNP employees have their ServSafe Certification. This is a nationally recognized training and testing program. All schools have maintained a Grade A rating as their Georgia Department of Public Health Food Service Establishment Inspection Report.

Participation in our lunch program for 2018 was 79.9% and breakfast participation system wide was 47.3%. The importance of breakfast continues to be a focus for SNP as well as encouraging consumption of more fruits and vegetables. We all can agree hungry children cannot learn, help us by encouraging your children to try new foods. They might even like what they try!