

Bright Local School District Rural, Mowrystown, Ohio Highland County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers, Education Specialist
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver
- PTA/PTO, Parents, Volunteers

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- SY 2019-20-Virtual Instruction March 18th to August 14th
 - Students received 2 hot lunch meals and shelf stable meals for all other breakfast and lunch meals.
 - Each student received 10 Breakfast and Lunch meals per week.
- SY 2020-21- In-person and Virtual Instruction started August 19, 2020.
 - Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) implemented for all students attending in-person instruction
 - Breakfast and Lunch kits made available to all students attending virtual instruction

Goals

- Develop system to distribute meals to the entire district spanning 60 miles during the pandemic.
- Ensure students are nourished and ready to learn

Results

- 59,000 meals were served from March 18 to August 14, 2020.
- 250 evening meals have been served to virtual students in 2021

*SY 2019-20- Bright Local School District is a small rural school of approximately 700 students. Sixty percent of the student body is on the free and reduced lunch program. Geographically, the district is a narrow strip of land that stretches 60 miles end to end. The district experienced the passing of their superintendent in September of 2020. The interim superintendent, faced the pandemic with immediate response. It was important to him that students had their academic and nutritional needs met. The district surveyed families to assess their food needs. They received an overwhelming response of need. Quickly the district set out to determine feeding sites. Four different locations were determined with the local health department, Department of Education and USDA. The high school, elementary and 2 family markets were established as food distribution sites. The district borrowed heating and holding units from local churches to use for hot meals. School vans were used to deliver meals to the markets. Coordination was a big task but the district was determined to help their families receive meals. A google doc spreadsheet was used to sign up employees to help with distribution. The district needed at least eight volunteers per day for two days a week. Bus drivers, aides, teachers and food service staff volunteered to make sure meals were served to their students. Beginning July 1st, the new superintendent started and was on-board to continue feeding during the summer months. Despite obstacles of food shortages and vendors that couldn't always deliver food items needed, the distribution of meals increased as families needs increased. **A total of 59,000 meals were served to students from March to August 2020.***

SY 2020-21- With the beginning of the school year students could attend in-person or virtual instruction. Students attending virtual school have the option to pick-up 5 meals on 2 days per week. BIC and lunch are served at no-charge to all students attending in-person school. The district also provides 250 evening meals per week to mostly virtual learning students. Some high school students pick up an evening meal at school to eat later at home. The district also works with the Freestone Food Bank to provide fresh produce for families. The produce giveaway from the food bank usually operates at the same time families pick up the evening meals. To help with other physical needs the district established "Wildcat Closet" at each building. Closets are stocked with coats, gloves, shoes, hygiene products and school supplies. Families can shop at the closet on days they pick up meals.

"Our district is dedicated to teaching the whole child and making sure that they have everything they need in order to succeed.... This time has brought an alliance of giving and pride in helping each other."

Debbie Robertson, Food Service Director, Bright Local Schools.

Bright Local School District



Elgin Local School District Rural– Marion, Ohio Marion County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition
- Support Staff and Bus Driver

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- SY 2019-2020- March to May- Virtual Instruction
 - Meals at no-charge-Breakfast & Lunch
 - Meals delivered to family homes
- Summer 2020- May to August
 - Breakfast, lunch and snack delivered to 6 sites within the district. Hot meals provided 4 days per week. Friday's meal is packed to go home with student on Thursday.
- SY 2020-21- Virtual or Hybrid Instruction
 - Breakfast- K-2-Students eat in classroom,(BIC), Grade 3-5 students eat in cafeteria, 6-12, Grab N Go or cafeteria. (Cafeteria uses social distancing guidelines)
 - Lunch-K-12- Cafeteria using social distancing guidelines
- Virtual & Hybrid Instruction- Pick up meals at school. Meals delivered to families with no transportation

Goals

- Provide meals at no-charge to all students districtwide
- Provide hot meals twice a week for pre-packaged delivered meals.

Results

- Despite a decrease in meal participation, the food service staff continue to remain flexible in order to ensure students are nourished and have access to meals.

Elgin Local School District is a rural school made up of 1,100 students. In March of 2020 the district went to virtual school instruction. Within four days the food service department had a plan to deliver meals to students by bus. The district put a link on the website for families to sign up for meal delivery. The transportation department and food service delivered and distributed breakfast and lunch meals to family homes throughout the district. Hot meals were provided twice a week for all families.

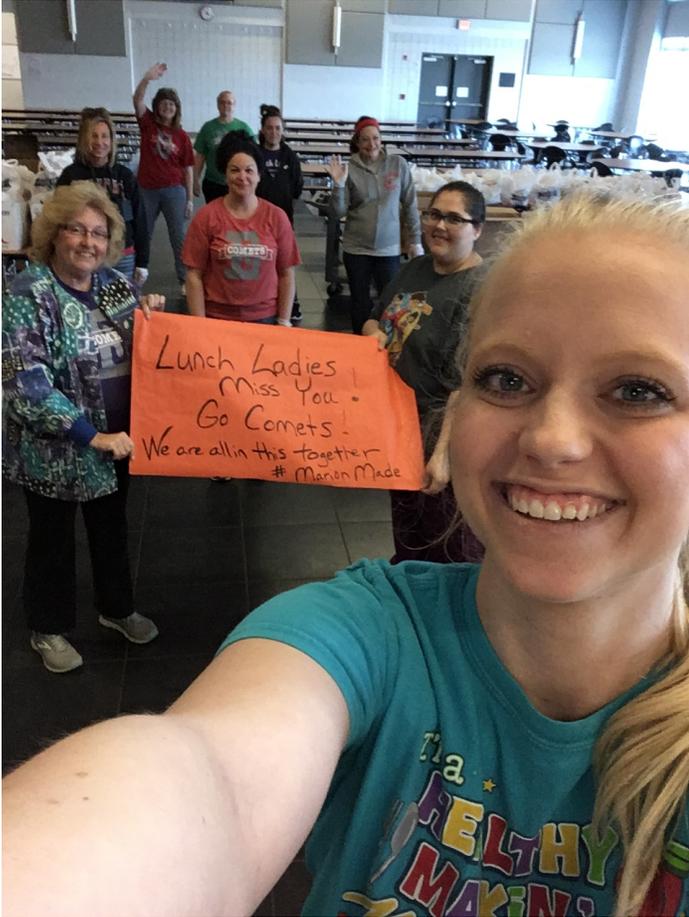
During the summer, breakfast and lunch meals were provided at six different locations throughout the district. Hot meals were delivered and distributed four days per week at each site with a meal pack for Friday, that students could pick up with their Thursday meal.

SY 2020-21- Students attend either virtual or hybrid instruction. Students in K-2 eat breakfast in the classroom and grades 3-5 eat in the cafeteria. Grades 6-12 can choose a grab-n-go breakfast or eat in the cafeteria.

Lunch is served in the cafeteria for all K-12 students using social distancing guidelines. Plastic shields are on all food lines, floors are marked for proper social distancing, face masks are required and hand sanitizers are placed throughout the cafeteria in all school buildings. Students that attend virtual or hybrid instruction can pick up breakfast and lunch at their school building. If parents do not have transportation, food service drives to the family home to deliver meals.

Since the pandemic started, food service has made many adjustments to meal service. The staff are responsible for delivering and picking up trash for K-2 breakfast meals. They are required to prepare lunch and pack up meals for students attending virtual and/or hybrid school. It can be demanding for the staff with the increase in workload and knowing they need to stay flexible with constant changes to the school schedule. Staff have stepped up to the challenges in order to keep students well fed and nourished.

Elgin Local School District



Fairview Park City Schools Urban, Cleveland, Ohio Cuyahoga County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers,
- Child Nutrition, Support Staff, Transportation, Janitor

School District Instructional & Meal Options

SY 2019-20 Virtual Instruction

- March thru May 2020 & SY2020-21 & September, 2020
 - Meals packaged for curbside pick-up

SY 2020-21- Hybrid Instruction--2 days on campus, 3 days hybrid

- October & November, 2020
- January 19, 2021 to Current
 - Breakfast & Lunch Meals on campus & pre-packaged meals for home with curbside pick-up

Virtual Instruction-December, 2020 thru January 15th, 2021

- All pre-package meals delivered to neighborhoods by buses, 2x a week for 5 days of virtual instruction.

Goals

- Provide all students a balanced breakfast and lunch meal
- Provide students access to meals using pre-packaged meals for pick-up and delivery

Results

- SY2019-20- March to May 2020- Approximately 200 breakfast meals were served every day.
- SY 2020-21- Hybrid/Virtual Instruction- Approximately 500 breakfast and lunch meals served every day.

SY2019-20 & September, 2020- Fairview Park began virtual learning in March, 2020 and continued thru the end of the school year. The district started the next school year, September 2020 with the virtual model of instruction. Breakfast and lunch meals were picked up curbside at the school building. Approximately, 200 meals were served daily.

SY2020-21- October thru November 2020-The district went to hybrid model. Students attended classes 2 days on campus and 3 days hybrid. On campus, students received a breakfast meal upon entering the building to eat in the classroom. At lunch, grades 1-5 ate in the cafeteria, with four students assigned to a table and staggered lunch times to maintain social distancing. The middle and high school students picked up a bagged lunch in the cafeteria to eat in the classroom. Hybrid students received 6 pre-packaged meals for the 3 days of virtual instruction. Meals were picked up on Monday's from 12 pm to 1 pm, curbside at the school building.

In December thru January 15, 2021, the school district schedule went back to all virtual instruction. Breakfast and lunch meals were delivered by buses to the neighborhoods twice a week. Ten buses with 2 staff members started the day at 7:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday to deliver meals in student neighborhoods to cover all 5 days of virtual instruction. Students could also pick-up meals at the school on the same day from 10 to 1 pm. Each student received a total of 10 meals per week.

January 19, 2021, school returned to a hybrid model. Students pick up breakfast at the door upon entering the building and curbside delivery is available on Monday, for 3 days of virtual instruction. The food service department started a "take 3-pack" for lunch on campus. Students that bring a sandwich for lunch can pick 3 other foods to round out as a reimbursable meal. The district is serving approximately 500 breakfast and lunch meals daily with on campus and curbside delivery for hybrid and virtual instruction. The district plans to provide breakfast as students enter school next year.

Parents are grateful that students have choices for virtual pre-packaged breakfast. Pancakes are a favorite of students! Families are grateful for the convenience of meals delivered curbside. Parents have shown their appreciation with gift cards for coffee. A local newspaper wrote an article capturing how the district provided meals to all students by using buses to deliver directly to their homes during all virtual learning. The food service department, transportation, and staff throughout the district are true heroes for their creativity in getting meals to students so they are nourished and well fed.

Fairview Park City Schools



Garfield Heights City Schools Urban, Garfield Heights, Ohio Cuyahoga County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Education Specialist, Support Staff
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver
- Pisanick Partners, Cleveland Food Bank

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- SY2019-20- Virtual Instruction, March to August 2020
 - Curbside pick-up breakfast and lunch bags
- SY2020-21- Virtual Instruction
 - Curbside pick-up breakfast and lunch bags
 - Delivery service for families more than 2 miles from the school building
 - December 2020- Weekend meals bags provided for families in need

Goals

- Provide breakfast and lunch meals at no-charge
- Ensure students have access to meals including weekend bags for families in need

Results

- Families appreciate efforts of food service in providing meals for their students.

SY2020-2021– Garfield Heights City Schools is considered severe need. Beginning in the spring of 2020 and continuing this school year, all 5 buildings in the district moved to virtual instruction. The food service department established a new service model to meet the needs of students learning from home. Breakfast and lunch meals are prepared and bagged for curbside delivery Monday thru Friday. Despite the severe need of the district, students did not take advantage of picking up meals using curbside delivery. Although meal participation decreased, staff had more time to prepare scratch-made items that students enjoy. The district began delivery service of meals for families that lived more than 2 miles from the school building. In December, the district added weekend meal bags to ensure students had breakfast and lunch every day of the week. Families pre-order meals Thursday's each week, for meals the following week. This has helped food service with forecasting the number of meals needed each day. The district is committed to serving the needs of the community by serving student favorites, offering multiple pick up locations and adding additional meals for curbside service to decrease the number of times families need to drive to school.

Expanding the efforts of food service has been a team effort. The department worked with the food service director, human resources, union president and business manager to design safety protocols. Kitchens were properly marked for safe distancing in work zones. Proper handwashing and sanitizing surfaces was discussed and PPE was provided for all staff. The department also recruited transportation and building aides from several buildings to deliver meals to students and to help with curbside service. Pisanick Partners, a school nutrition consulting firm, assisted with menu development and on-site management and guidance to help navigate the new service model. The district also worked with Cleveland Food Bank to get shelf-stable weekend meal bags for families in need of weekend meals.

In 2018, the food service department purchased an overwrap machine with funding from a national breakfast grant. In previous years, this machine was used to package hot meals for breakfast each day. Currently, Garfield Heights is using the machine to prepare frozen entrees to be sent home in weekend bags. The bags have instructions for safe reheating on the package. In the future, the district may continue to use the machine to pre-prepare weekend bags to support families in need.

Several families have reached out to food service expressing their gratitude for meal delivery and curbside pick up of food. Many families have been affected by a variety of hardships and stated "Without the district's help, food would have been a minimum in our house on some days." Although participation is lower than previous years, the district recognizes that families receiving meals truly are in need and rely on the meals provided for their students.



3-Day Meal Bag

Garfield Heights City Schools Student Meal Choices



Bagel Bistro



Turkey Wrap



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Groveport Madison Schools Suburban– Groveport, Ohio Franklin County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators , Teachers, Students
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver, Janitor
- Athletics, Nurse, Support Staff
- Community Partner/Food Bank/Pantry-Groveport Human Needs
- Volunteers

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- Virtual Instruction/Fall 2020-Virtual and Hybrid Option, November 2020 return to Virtual Instruction
- Lunch and Summer Feeding

Goals

- Ensure students attending virtual school had access to meal programs.
- Collaborate with district, building staff and local food bank to distribute meals to students.
- Communicate the methods of meal distribution to district families.
- Include hot food on the menu and reheating instructions to ensure hot food choices are available to students.

Results

- Districtwide meal participation increased by 360 meals per day. Total number of meals served for November 2020 at breakfast- 20,944 and lunch- 21,290.
- Increased district feeding sites by adding 8 community sites to reach all students in the community.

Groveport Madison Schools closed the district on March 13, 2020 and immediately went to virtual instruction due to the pandemic. On March 16th, the food service department developed a plan for distribution of meals at all 7 district buildings. The district had to quickly make adjustments in meal service and staffing needs and communicate those changes to families. Food service staff were relocated to other district buildings to prepare and serve meals. The communication director placed messages on the website and sent automatic notifications to families to inform them of the new distribution plan for meals.

The district chef and head cooks worked together to develop menus that included hot entrees and vegetables so students would have hot choices. The district purchased new serving units that could accommodate hot items and the chef included instructions for reheating meals at home.

The district is spread over 40 square miles and includes urban, suburban and rural communities. The district recognized the need to distribute meals to students in outlying areas. Food service enlisted the support of transportation and the local food bank, Groveport Human Needs, to add 8 additional sites to reach all students throughout the district.

In April, a parent notified the department that working families couldn't pick up their meals at the community sites. The district responded by offering evening distribution from 4 to 5 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at the High School.

In June, the food service department continued the partnership with Groveport Human Needs to offer the summer feeding program. Volunteers of Groveport Human Needs provided staffing at 2 kitchens to assist in preparation of meals.

In October, the district went to hybrid instruction and offered meals 4 days a week at school. By November, the district went back to a virtual instruction and continued the plan from the spring, providing meals at all 7 district buildings and offering meals at the 8 additional sites in partnership with Groveport Human Needs.

As a result of the collaboration between district departments and the community partnership with Groveport Human Needs, meal participation increased by 360 meals per day. The district hopes to work with Groveport Human Needs for the summer of 2021, expanding the number of feeding sites and volunteers in order to reach students in all communities throughout the district.



Dunloe Elementary Groveport Madison



Midview Local School District Urban, Grafton, Ohio Lorain County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver
- Parents

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- Virtual Instruction March to May SY-2019-20
 - Breakfast and Lunch bags distributed at all schools.
 - Food pantry at middle school. Offered twice a month for families to pick up food.
 - Meals are offered at no-charge for all students
- In-person Instruction- SY 2020-21
 - Breakfast in the Classroom
 - Lunch in Cafeteria-students have assigned seats
 - All students offered meals at no-charge.

Goals

- SY 2019-20-Provide meal bags & meals at no-charge for all students during the pandemic.
- SY 2020-21-Offer Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) for 2 elementary, 1 intermediate and 1 middle school.

Results

- All students are offered meals at no-charge
- BIC has increased breakfast and lunch participation at the elementary and middle school.
 - West ES- Breakfast increased by 173 students, lunch increased by 50 per day, 200 less students enrolled at in-person school.
 - North ES-Breakfast increased by 75 students, lunch increased by 70 per day, 220 less students enrolled at in-person school.
 - MS- Breakfast increased by 60 students, lunch increased by 25 per day, 100 less students enrolled at in-person school.
 - East Intermediate-Breakfast increased by 40 students, lunch increased by 30 per day, 100 less students enrolled at in-person school.

SY 2019-2020--Midview Local Schools began virtual learning from March through the end of SY 2019-2020. The food service department developed a system to deliver meal bags to all students at each school site. Initially, there were problems with food availability and delivery of foods to the district kitchen. Menus were made and adjusted as food items were determined and made available from food vendors. Meal bags were prepared at the kitchens and sealed for delivery. Food Service staff met frequently to discuss needs and had additional training to adjust to the changing environment and service throughout the shuttering of the district. Transportation worked with food service to deliver meal bags to students at their school buildings. Bus drivers were assigned to buses according to their route so students and families were familiar with them. Teachers assisted in serving the bags to students. The district offered meals at no-charge to all students. Families at the middle school were offered additional foods from the food pantry, twice a month. Food service worked with the pantry, library and school to place information and applications for families to complete for free/reduced meals. Applications and directions to complete the forms were available at the library and were distributed to families with the meal bags.

SY2020-2021-- Families could choose whether they would return to school or remain in virtual instruction. All students attending in-person school continued to receive meals at no-charge. Students attending in-person school are socially distanced by assigning seats for lunch in the cafeteria. The district implemented free BIC to all students at both elementary schools, intermediate and the middle school. Parents were notified that breakfast would be offered to all students free of charge in the classroom through email blasts and information provided on the website. Students sign up for a breakfast meal the day before. Breakfast is brought to the classroom before the start of the school day. As a result of offering BIC, more students are eating breakfast every day.

West ES- Breakfast increased by 173 students, lunch increased by 50 per day, 200 less students enrolled at in-person school.

North ES-Breakfast increased by 75 students, lunch increased by 70 per day, 220 less students enrolled at in-person school.

MS- Breakfast increased by 60 students, lunch increased by 25 per day, 100 less students enrolled at in-person school.

East Intermediate-Breakfast increased by 40 students, lunch increased by 30 per day, 100 less students enrolled at in-person school.

BIC ensures all students have the opportunity to eat breakfast so they are ready to learn. BIC has also increased class time for teachers as students don't have to wait in lines in the cafeteria. The district will continue BIC next school year.



Midview Local Schools



Northwest Local School District Suburban, Cincinnati, Ohio Hamilton County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers,
- Child Nutrition, Janitor
- Grants- No Kid Hungry, GENYOUth

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- In-person Instruction & Virtual/Hybrid Instruction- SY 2020-21
 - Breakfast & Lunch Meals in the Classroom- All Elementary Middle School Buildings-
 - High School-Students offered 2nd chance breakfast
 - All students offered meals at no-charge.

Goals

- Provide all students a balanced breakfast and lunch meal
- Provide students access to meals using pre-packaged meals for pick-up

Results

- August to December 2020- 61,530 meals have been served to virtual students.
- August to December 2020-439,179 meals have been served to students on campus. High School breakfast participation increased from approximately 70 breakfast/day (prior to 2nd chance breakfast) to over 700 breakfast/day after implementation of 2nd chance breakfast.

SY2020-2021– Northwest Local Schools food service department developed a plan for feeding all elementary, middle and high school students attending school on campus. Breakfast and lunch are served as meals in the classroom, (MIC). At the high school each classroom has a designated space to eat meals such as cafeteria, gym, career center etc. Building principals notified families of changes to the meal program that included social distancing measures, masks and location of meal service.

At all buildings the food service department determined pick-up/drop-off schedules, locations and trash disposal areas. The café manager, maintenance and Supervisor of Food Service at each building developed a list of tasks they would be responsible for. All designated areas for drop-off and pick-up received a trash container from the custodial department.

Elementary & Middle School Buildings: Two weeks prior to roll out of the program, teachers worked with students to select teams and a sheriff/ambassador to “supervise” meals in the classroom. Elementary buildings delivery teams pick up breakfast meals from the cafeteria and arrange bags on designated tables in the classroom. Students receive a complete meal in insulated bags. Teachers/students check off their names on the roster after receiving and consuming the meals in the classroom. Once meal time is completed the delivery team returns the bags and roster to the cafeteria.

*High School: 2 weeks prior to roll out, teachers notified students of changes in location and eating times by email. Eating spaces contain mobile food kiosks that serve the identical menu as the cafeteria. Students are required to eat at their designated area for breakfast and lunch. For breakfast, students are offered a second chance breakfast mid-morning. Food service staff provide breakfast to every classroom.. Students can pick up a meal from the kiosk and return to class. **Breakfast participation has increased 10 fold by serving a 2nd chance breakfast. High School breakfast participation increased from approximately 70 breakfast/day (prior to 2nd chance breakfast) to over 700 breakfast/day after implementation of 2nd chance breakfast.***

Virtual Instruction: Meals are packaged for distribution every Friday afternoon at designated school buildings determined by the food service department. Families must sign up for meal service through google doc. Students can pick up 5 breakfast and 5 lunches for a total of 10 meals every Friday for the following week’s meals. Parents have commented, “You are lifesavers.” “I don’t know what I would do without this food.”

As a result more students are eating school meals. August to December 2020, 61,530 meals have been served to virtual students and 439,179 meals have been served to students attending school on campus. The district plans on continuing BIC at the elementary and middle school and 2nd chance breakfast at the high school.



Northwest Local Schools



Paulding Exempted Village School District
Oakwood Elementary School
Rural, Paulding, Ohio
Paulding County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver, Janitor
- Community Partner, Children's Hunger Alliance, Classroom Grant

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- Virtual Instruction March to May SY-2019-20
 - Breakfast and Lunch kits were available to all students
- In-person and Virtual Instruction
 - Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) implemented for all students attending in-person instruction
 - Breakfast and Lunch kits made available to all students attending Virtual Instruction

Goals

- Provide Breakfast in the Classroom, BIC to all elementary students attending Oakwood
- Ensure students are ready to learn

Results

- Oakwood elementary school implemented BIC in all classrooms.

School Year-2019-2020 -Paulding Exempted Village Schools successfully implemented BIC at one elementary school building. Due to the pandemic the district went to virtual instruction from March to May, 2020. Breakfast and lunch kits were available to all students attending virtual learning.

School Year- 2020-202021- Beginning in SY 2020, students could attend either in-person or continue virtual instruction. At that time, BIC was expanded to the second elementary school- Oakwood Elementary. A grant to implement BIC, provided funding for equipment, signage and technology.

Before implementation of BIC the average daily participation in school breakfast was 12% or 47 students. After implementation of BIC average daily participation increased to 50% or 179 students. Serving breakfast in the classroom increased student participation by 38%

Lunch participation also increased at Oakwood elementary. 85% of students eat lunch every day at school, a 25% increase or an average of 56 more students over school year 2019.

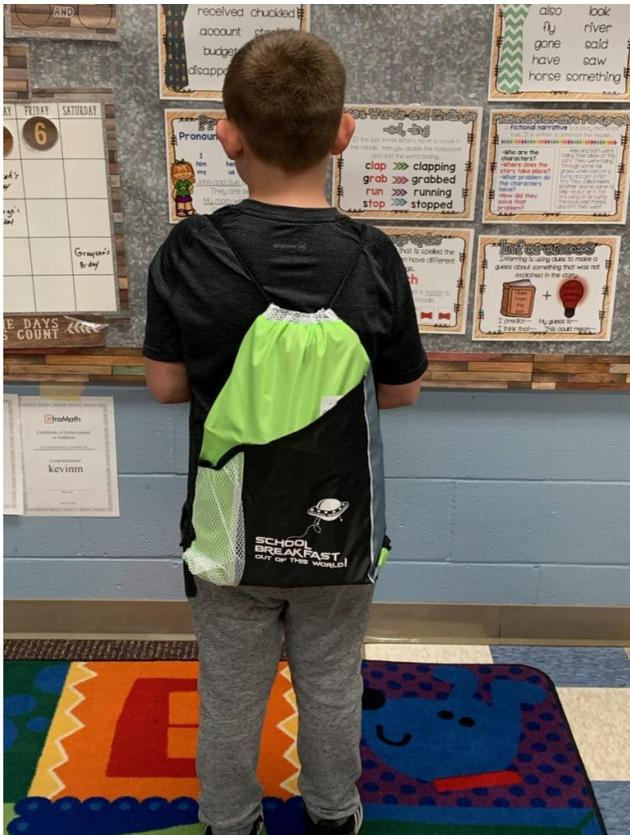
Teachers commented that serving breakfast in the classroom was not as difficult to implement as they thought it would be. Teachers also commented that BIC positively impacted student behavior as students are more focused, calm and ready for learning.

Breakfast will be continued at both elementary school buildings next school year.



Oakwood Elementary School

Paulding EVSD



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Students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight



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MARCH 2-6, 2020

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West Clermont Local Schools Suburban, Cincinnati, Ohio Clermont County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers, Nurse, Education Specialist, Athletics
- Child Nutrition, Support Staff, Janitor
- PTA/PTO, Industry Partners

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- In-person Instruction & Virtual/Hybrid Instruction- SY 2020-21
 - Breakfast in the Classroom- Seven elementary schools
 - All students offered meals at no-charge.

Goals

- SY 2017/18- One elementary school implemented Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)
- SY 2020-21-Offer BIC at remaining six elementary schools.

Results

- All students are offered meals at no-charge
- BIC increased breakfast participation at all elementary schools. A total of 102,344 breakfast meals were served from September 2020 thru December 2020.
- 27,889 more breakfast meals were served, a 27.2% increase when compared to data from SY 2019-20 to SY 2020-21.

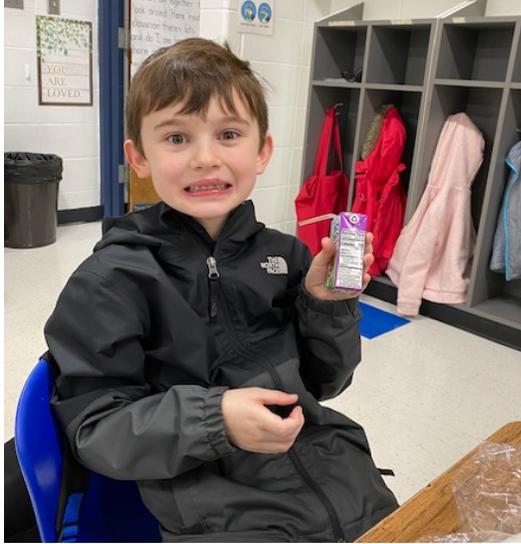
Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) was successfully implemented in one elementary school building in SY 2017/18. A new principal at the building was skeptical of the program but quickly recognized the benefits to students. The high school/middle school had already successfully implemented a grab n go breakfast model.

SY2020-2021– Due to the pandemic, students had the choice of attending virtual, hybrid, or in-person instruction. To help minimize exposure of the virus, the district leadership team determined that BIC would be the best service model in all seven elementary buildings. The superintendent was on board, and the elementary principal where BIC had been implemented, played a major role in the acceptance of BIC for the other six building administrators.

The child nutrition staff discussed how breakfast would be distributed at each building taking into account the building layout, equipment, staff time to deliver, assembling and breaking down breakfast packs and maintaining inventory. It was determined that breakfast would be delivered to the classroom 10 minutes prior to students entering buildings and picked up 20 minutes after the last bell. This assured proper time/temperature control and the least amount of disruption during pick up of breakfast. The district streamlined communication by increasing reach in social media. This includes email blasts, infographics on nutrition and quick links and updates on the website for parents to access digital menus, sign up for meals and ask questions. Families can order meals on-line if attending virtual instruction and can pre-order breakfast by using the website or through a ticket process that is turned into the cafeteria daily.

As a result of these efforts, a total of 102,344 breakfast meals were served from September 2020 thru December 2020. This is an increase of 27,889 meals or 27.2% increase when compared to data from the same time frame last school year.

The child nutrition staff have stepped up to the challenge with success. The team have received personal thank you notes, and appreciation through social media for ramping up their efforts throughout the district.



West Clermont Local Schools



Woodridge Local School District Suburban– Peninsula, Ohio Summit County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- Virtual Academy & Hybrid
- Meals at no-charge-Breakfast & Lunch
 - Virtual Instruction-5 day bags- breakfast and lunch
 - Hybrid Instruction-3 day bags-breakfast and lunch

Goals

- Provide meals at no-charge to all students districtwide
- Provide innovative access to meals for students attending virtual or hybrid instruction

Results

- Districtwide, an additional 40 students ate breakfast every day.
- Average daily participation increased from 387, SY 2019-20 to 427, SY 2020-21.

Woodridge Local School District began working on increasing breakfast participation at the middle school last year by offering students second chance breakfast. As a result, breakfast participation increased. This school year with the pandemic, students at the middle and high school had the option of attending school virtually or hybrid which negatively impacted daily participation in the meal program. With only 40% of the students attending on campus the school nutrition program worked with the superintendent, building principals, kitchen managers, teachers and bus drivers to ensure that every student had the opportunity to have a nutritious meal provided for them. The superintendent informed parents that free meal pick up would be available to all students any day they were not on campus, either attending virtual or hybrid school. Letters on the website, google forms, and a widget on the webpage directed parents to fill out a form to receive meals for pick up at their building.

Elementary students have the option to attend school 5 days a week. Teachers agreed to provide breakfast in the classroom with one condition, that students wouldn't receive sticky syrup in the classroom! Food service agreed to not have syrup on the menu. Students pick up grab and go bags in the cafeteria to bring to the classroom. To speed up service, bags are colored coded according to breakfast choices offered on the daily menu. Breakfast in the Classroom has increased breakfast participation to almost the same as lunch. At the high school the kitchen manager makes sure students are offered a hot breakfast every day. Middle school managers leave their kitchens open all morning so students can go to the cafeteria to get breakfast if they are late.

The nutrition department also offers 3 day (Hybrid) or 5 day (Virtual) pick up bags for breakfast and lunch. Each bag includes a small plastic lunch box that can be used for other things. Staff have received great feedback for giving students this extra special lunch box. For one month the district had to move to all virtual learning. With this model, the district had a decline in the number of meals served. To help families, food service worked with the bus drivers to deliver meals at centrally located bus stops. Parents were notified where to pick up their weekly bags. Two bus drivers and a food service person delivered the bags each week.

Parents are grateful for the extra effort that staff made to provide meals for their students. They have brought presents of baked cookies, sanitizing wipes, coffee, thank you cards and smiles to show their appreciation. As a result of offering free breakfast and expanding access to meals, breakfast participation has increased districtwide. Post-pandemic the district plans to continue breakfast in the classroom at the elementary school buildings and second chance breakfast for middle and high school students.

"It is so wonderful to see the smiling faces of the kids who have not been on campus as they pick up their bags with parents. They stop by to say "hi" to the lunch lady. These little things mean the world to these amazing women who are here every day putting their heart and soul into feeding our students. To me they truly are the unsung heroes".

Tina Hastings, Food Service Supervisor

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