

Benjamin Logan School District
Middle and Elementary School
Rural, Bellefontaine, Ohio
Logan County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District Administrators and Building Administrators
- Teachers, Students, Nurse, Athletics
- Child Nutrition Staff, Support Staff/Custodian, Transportation
- Parents, PTO/PTA, Volunteers

School District Instructional & Meal Options

SY 2020-2021- In person instruction at elementary (K-4) and middle school (5-8)

- Breakfast in the Classroom- K-4
- Breakfast in Cafeteria with social distancing- Grade 5-6
- Grab n Go to eat in the classroom- Grade 7-8

Goals

- Ensure easy access, quick service and social distancing during the pandemic.
- Breakfast offered at no cost

Results

- Breakfast participation at the elementary increased from 3,343 meals served in October 2020 to 7,809 breakfast meals served in March 2021.
- Breakfast participation at the middle school increased from 1,625 meals served in October 2020 to 5,502 meals served in March 2021.

SY 2020-2021- At the beginning of the year, all students attended school on campus. In order to maintain social distancing and safety of all students and staff, administration and staff collaborated with the child nutrition department to implement multiple methods of breakfast service throughout the district. This not only provided safety but created an awareness and recognition of the benefits of breakfast.

Elementary School- K-4 students received breakfast in the classroom.

Middle School- 5-6th grade students were socially distanced for breakfast in the cafeteria. Markers were placed on the floor and round tables seated four students per table to ensure proper social distancing during meal time. 7 and 8th grade students picked up breakfast grab n go bags in the cafeteria to eat in the classroom.

Staff and students adjusted to the changes within the first few weeks of school. Menus were adjusted to accommodate student preferences and individual food items, like fresh fruit were purchased to speed up packing of bags. USDA foods were utilized to help manage meal cost.

The school nurse and building secretaries observe that visits to the office are down about half from last year due to less complaints from students about hunger related issues. Parents have commented that breakfast at school helps with busy schedules and with finances as meals are offered at no cost. With the implementation of the new service methods, breakfast participation at the elementary and middle school has more than doubled.

Beginning next school year, K-4th grade will continue breakfast in the classroom. At the middle school, 5-8th grade students will all be offered a grab n go breakfast to eat in the classroom.



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