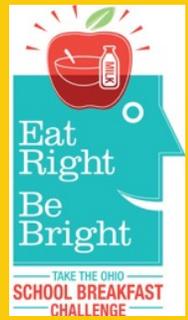


Clark-Shawnee Local School District Suburban, Springfield, Ohio Clark County



Breakfast & Beyond-2022

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers
- Child Nutrition, Support Staff
- Parents, PTA/PTO

School District Instructional & Meal Options

SY 2021-2022- In-person instruction

- Grab-n-Go breakfast to eat in the classroom.
- Breakfast and Lunch are offered at no charge.

Goals

- Collaborate with building staff to support and provide for the nutritional needs of students.
- Encourage and increase participation in school breakfast and lunch.

Results

- More than 3500 additional breakfast and lunch meals were served in October 2021 than pre-pandemic meals served in October 2019.
- Districtwide 38% of students eat breakfast and 51% of students eat lunch every day.

SY 2021-22- This school year 3 elementary schools were combined into a new PK-6 building. This building was equipped and ready to serve students throughout the district. At the same time, the district experienced supply chain issues and staff shortages. The nutrition department was moved by the overwhelming support from all buildings across the district. The administration and building staff recognized how critical nutrition is to a student's school day and was willing to collaborate and support child nutrition in whatever area that was needed. A few ways administration stepped up to help-

- *District and building administrators helped during service hours for breakfast and lunch to encourage students to participate in both meals.*
- *District administration helped by subbing in the kitchens when staff shortages would have caused the district to shut down. This served to give a unique connection with the food services team and provided a greater understanding of the role of child nutrition in the district.*
- *Teachers encouraged students to participate in school breakfast and lunch.*
- *Support staff helped to operate breakfast carts that deliver breakfast directly to student pods. This provided a personal connection each morning between aides and students participating in breakfast.*
- *The child nutrition team worked together to the best of their abilities to provide meals every day despite the obstacles of food and staff shortages.*

Child nutrition made significant changes to their meal program and maintained flexibility throughout the year.

- *Taste-testing became a new strategy to introduce new food items. In a "normal" year the department would taste-test a few new items. Because of food shortages, many of the usual menu items were unavailable. Taste-testing became a necessity to provide a variety of menu options. Initially what had been considered a huge challenge became a great opportunity for growth.*
- *Communication was key. Social media, text messaging, etc. became a method to reach families more effectively.*
- *The breakfast delivery model was changed to bring breakfast directly to the learning pods where students enter the school every morning. This change increased the number of students participating in breakfast every day.*
- *The district experienced record-high participation in both breakfast and lunch. More than 3,500 breakfast and lunch meals were served in October 2021 over pre-pandemic October 2019. Offering meals at no charge, offering Grab-n-Go, and the communication and support of staff all contributed to the success of the program.*

"We have learned a lot about being flexible...something we will carry forward. The pandemic brought many challenges that were crippling in the beginning. In reality, it forced us to grow and evolve in unexpected ways and has taught us valuable lessons. Now we are capable of meeting any challenge we face". Alexis Staffan, Food Services Director



Superintendent & Principal helping with lunch service

Clark-Shawnee Local Schools



Staff from another local school helping out in time of need

The elementary school team

