

# Sparta Area Schools Food Services Newsletter

April 2025

This April, food service encourages students, staff, and parents to become “waste warriors” by reflecting on the way we eat and identifying ways to reduce waste. Here are some initiatives food service has implemented to make a difference;

- **Share Tables:** Every school building has share tables where students can place unopened, nonperishable food items they don't plan to eat, allowing others to enjoy them instead of letting them go to waste.
- **Café Reusable Trays-**Sparta Middle and High School will be moving over to reusable melamine trays, which will significantly cut down on waste. Currently we are waiting for new trash receptacles' to come so students do not throw the trays away.
- **Less Prepackaging:** At lunch, we moved away from most prepackaged items in favor of bulk options for condiments and cutlery.
- **Student Choice:** Instead of automatically placing all food items on students' trays, we let them choose what they want to eat, helping to reduce unnecessary waste.

By making these changes, we are taking steps to protect our planet. Now it's your turn-think of ways you can help reduce waste and make a difference!

## Sparta High & Middle School March Madness Student Choice Event

### Week 1 Loaded Fries

SMS Winning Choice-Pulled Pork  
SHS Winning Choice-Pulled Pork

### Week 3 Bone In or Boneless Wings

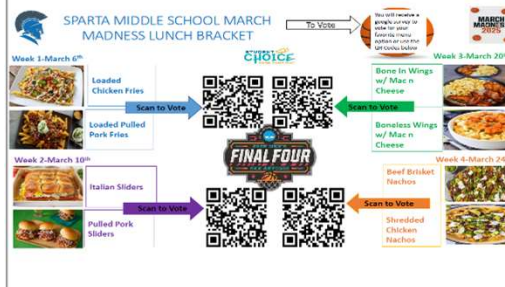
SMS Winning Choice-Both ☺  
SHS Winning Choice-  
Boneless

### Week 4 Loaded Nachos

SMS Winning Choice-Beef Brisket  
Nachos  
SHS Winning Choice Chicken  
Nachos

### Week 2 Sliders

SMS Winning Choice- Italian  
Sliders  
SHS Winning Choice-BBQ  
Pulled Pork Sliders



## Fun Days to Look Forward to this Month

- April 1<sup>st</sup>-April Fools' Day
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – **SPRING BREAK**
- April 9<sup>th</sup> –National School Nurse Day
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – National Sibling Day
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Grilled Cheese Day
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – National Librarian Day & Banana Day
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Stop Food Waste Day
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – National Pretzel Day
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – National Raisin Day



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### Global Eats: Korea

Were looking to push the boundaries of Korean cuisine while honoring its traditions, creating meals like Korean-Style Zucchini, Kimchi Tofu, and Gonchujang-Style Chicken Lettuce Cups. The strong Korean belief is eumyangohaeng (yin and yang) is reflected in its food as well, which is nutritionally balanced in terms of colors, textures, and flavors. During the month of April our High School and Middle School students will get to taste some of this delicious food during lunch.



### Case Closed!

Last month we celebrated National School Breakfast Week with our students. We did breakfast trivia questions. Winning students received prizes and gift cards. Food Service held smoothie taste testing events and had fun activities with giveaways daily for all the students to enjoy. Thank you to all the teachers & students that participated in these events.



### APPLEVIEW BREAKFAST TRIVIA WINNING CLASSROOMS

MRS. BARR'S CLASSROOM

MRS. HURLEY'S CLASSROOM

MS. ALBAITIS CLASSROOM



### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST TRIVIA WINNERS!

HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE SAMPLING



### RIDGEVIEW BREAKFAST TRIVIA WINNING CLASSROOMS

LEHMAN'S CLASSROOM

NIELSEN'S CLASSROOM



The billions upon billions of items of plastic waste choking our oceans, lakes, and rivers and piling up on land are more than unsightly and harmful to plants and wildlife. End Plastic Pollution informs policymakers and contributes to the international discussion on plastic pollution and its causes, including pushing for national legislation and corporate commitments. EARTHDAY.ORG also engages with and informs a global network of NGOs, grassroots organizations, campus youth, mayors and other local elected leaders, faith leaders, artists and athletes, and students and teachers. The End Plastic Pollution campaign elevates the issue of plastic pollution in the global agenda and demands effective action to reduce and control it. Navigate the EARTHDAY.ORG 'Global Map of Events' to effortlessly register your cleanup or discover nearby initiatives – simply input your location and explore a world of impactful opportunities.



### Stop Food Waste:

Did you know one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally? It's a shocking statistic. That's why, in 2017, our parent company, Compass Group USA, started Stop Food Waste Day, which is now a worldwide movement that aims to educate and ignite change. It is the largest single day of action in the fight against food waste.

LeAnn Usher



LeAnn works in our Applevue Kitchen. She has shown her commitment to our team by stepping up when our lead was out and demonstrating her great leadership skills. LeAnn has perfect attendance, we appreciate her consistent presence and hard work! LeAnn is wonderful with our students and absolutely loves her job. She truly is a kind and fun addition to our Applevue kitchen!