

# The NEWSFEED



**OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

*Nutrition Services Staff Updates from Central Kitchen West!*

## This Month's Highlights...



### **From the Desk of Irene Reynolds: In The Spirit of Giving**

During this season of giving, I'd like to express my appreciation for all of the hard work you put into serving our students and their families. It is abundantly clear that the need for support during distance learning is huge. We are now serving more than 16,000 children each week and the number is growing due to the expansion of our home delivery service. Our work is vital to their academic success! Hungry students cannot learn and because of COVID-19 restrictions, we don't always have the reward of seeing a smiling child receive the food we are providing. Studies have shown that giving to others is actually good for us, making us feel happier and actually keeping us healthy. As we go about our daily tasks, I am asking that we keep students first in our minds, and strive for quality and excellence in everything we do. These children are the reason we do this great work and they deserve our best; they need our help and are counting on us to continue to show up for them. Thank you for your efforts, energy, and willingness to go above and beyond for our students. - Irene

### **Upcoming Winter Distance Learning Menu for the Holiday Break**

As we move into serving more bulk, whole food items, we are excited to share news about the Winter Break Menu! During the week of December 14, families can pick up three weeks' worth of meals on either Monday or Thursday from any of the food [distribution sites](#). In the box, families will find grilled chicken strips, rice, pasta, tortillas, shredded cheese, and more. Fresh vegetables and fruits will include apples, oranges, yams, potatoes, onions, and squash. Breakfast meals are also inside the box, as well as a holiday cookie! Thank you for your continued supporting in sharing program updates with your school, students & families.



### **COMING SOON: Changes to Our Packaging - New Bulk Food Boxes**

You may have noticed changes to the distance learning meals packaging (bags to boxes) in order to get more food to our students. In the near future, we will be receiving new boxes that are branded with our new OUSD Eats Distance Learning Meals logo (pictured on the right)! In addition to the logo, the box will be printed with contact info for the department; a QR code directing parents to our website; storage instructions; allergen info; and a list of community partners who have supported us. Please also remember to include the menu insert sheet in every box, every week so families can learn more about the contents inside the box. Thank you for your hard work in preparing, packaging, and distributing meals to OUSD families!



### **Meet Our Warehouse Supervisor, William Taylor!**

Mr. Taylor is truly a homegrown treasure. He attended OUSD schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. Once he graduated, he began working for OUSD in Custodial Services and then moved on to being a driver for the OUSD Warehouse. In July, he was hired as the Warehouse Manager at Nutrition Services Central Kitchen West. He was recently announced as one of six outstanding Classified Employees honored by the state for his hard work & dedication to our students. Thank you, William, for your service to OUSD students and families!



### **December Birthdays**

Yolanda Cox	12/4	Burkhalter
Ali Noor	12/19	West
Davoria Williams	12/21	EOP
Qi Mei Ma	12/29	Tech
Ronnetta Tillis	12/30	Hoover
Elizabeth Smith	12/31	Esperanza