

The **NEWSFEED**

Nutrition Services Staff Updates from Central Kitchen West!



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

This Month's Highlights...

From the Desk of Irene Reynolds: We Are Building a Team in Support of Children



Nourishing our students is not only our business – it is also our commitment to the children we serve. We all come to work every day with these priorities: serving children nutritious, satisfying meals with excellent customer service in a clean, safe environment. No matter who you are or what your job title is, each member of this team plays a critical role in achieving those goals. For the past 18 months – since my first day on the job – this team has shown up, showed out, and worked hard, even when the odds have been stacked against us. It has been one wild ride! Despite changes in leadership, a reduction in staff, organizational restructuring, budget restrictions, and a global pandemic, we have persisted! I am honored and so proud to be your leader and to be a part of this amazing team.

As I visit our schools, grab & go sites, and our central production kitchens, I learn more about each of you and admire your passion to serve our kids. Please know that I am committed to creating a culture that strengthens that passion – a culture of engagement, respect, and service excellence where all OUSD Nutrition Services team members are heard, valued, and recognized. You can expect open and honest dialogue, fairness, professionalism, positivity, and transparency from me at all times. And I know I can expect the same from each of you. As we navigate the 2020-2021 school year together, I encourage you to share your thoughts, experiences, and great ideas with me about our program and our team culture. My door and my ears are always open, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me by e-mail, phone, or in person. We are building a strong, dynamic team for our kids, and the only way we can succeed is if we do it together! This will be a tough year, but we are a tough team – we have already proven that! I look forward to continuing to grow, learn, and serve with each of you. All my best, *Irene*

OUSD Nutrition Services Partners with Local Restaurant, Javi's Cooking



Good things do come in small packages – especially when baked daily! Starting this month, OUSD Nutrition Services is partnering with Javi's Cooking to provide all children participating in our free meal program, 18 years and younger, with delicious homemade empanadas!

Javi's Cooking offers a variety of authentic Argentinian empanadas made with fresh, local ingredients, and are baked fresh daily right here in Oakland. You can't just eat one! Just another terrific reason to eat school meals in Oakland! #eatempanadas

October 12-16 is National School Lunch Week

Celebrate National School Lunch Week and look for the lucky winning Golden Tickets. OUSD participates in the National School Lunch Program which serves more than 30 million children lunch every day in a regular school year across the United States. OUSD is proud to continue to provide school meals to our students especially during this challenging time.



Look for the Golden Ticket!

In 100 lucky food bags across our 22 distribution sites, we have included winning Golden Tickets! Each Golden ticket has information about the prize and how to redeem the ticket to claim the prize. One prize per ticket and prizes include bicycles, footballs, school supplies, Ayesha Curry frying pans, and \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards! Make sure your students come pick up meals on Thursday, 10/8. They could be extra lucky and find a Golden Ticket!



October Birthdays



Qi Ma	10/19	Skyline
Deborah Logan	10/21	Madison Upper
Emelda Pecot-Kirkpatrick	10/21	Bella Vista
Jeff Hale	10/25	Central Manufacturing @ West Street
DeeAlexis Dennis	10/27	Joaquin Miller