



Jackson County Food Service Newsletter

Gobble Gobble

Did You Know?

- ❏ There is evidence that Turkeys have been around for over 10 million years.
- ❏ The turkey is the only breed of poultry native to the Western Hemisphere.
- ❏ The fleshy growth from the base of the beak is called the snood.
- ❏ A baby turkey is called a pout.
- ❏ Only male turkeys gobble, females make a clicking noise.
- ❏ The ballroom dance known as the Turkey Trot was named for the short, jerky steps a turkey makes.
- ❏ Turkeys have great hearing (although they have no external ears).
- ❏ Turkeys can also see in color and have excellent vision and sense of taste; however, they have a poor sense of smell (what's cooking?)

Some Fun Facts about Thanksgiving:

- ❏ Over 45 million turkeys are cooked and 525 million pounds of turkey are eaten during Thanksgiving.
- ❏ North Carolina produces 61 million turkeys every year - more than any other state.
- ❏ 90% of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- ❏ England raised the heaviest turkey, coming in at 86 pounds.

Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday!!



TOKAYS' TIDBITS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO:
4TH - HEATHER
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Pay Student's Meals Online

Tired of writing checks or sending cash for your child's meals? You now have the option of paying online. Using the web page, www.mealpayplus.com, you can set up an account for your students and you can make standard payments or auto-payments right from your computer. You will need your student's ID number. If you do not know your child's student's ID number, you can contact the child's school or the Food Service Office. With meal pay plus you can keep track of your balance and set it up to notify you by email when the balance of each of your students' account goes below the set limit.

What's happening in a School Near You!

- ❏ On November 4th there will be a Menu Planning Committee Meeting. The Committee will meet the first Wednesday of every month. If you have any ideas or comments, please send them to JCSB Food Service Office 4302 Liddon St. Marianna, Fl. 32446 ATTN: Nicole Tokay.
- ❏ November also starts LUCKY TRAY DAYS* in all the secondary schools. Students who eat breakfast will have a chance to win movie tickets to Cinema 5 in Dothan, Ala. Good Luck to all the Students!

*Sponsored by Buffalo Rock.

Turkey Time Tips

November is the time when leaves are changing and winter is almost here. To make sure you can enjoy the holidays to come, follow these simple food safety tips when preparing your Thanksgiving Dinner and anytime during the year.

- ❏ Thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator.
- ❏ Do Not thaw on the kitchen counter.
- ❏ Cook fresh turkeys within 2 days and frozen ones within 4 days.
- ❏ Wash your hands with hot soapy water before and after handling raw poultry.
- ❏ Cook turkeys to an internal temperature of 180 degrees.(in the thigh)

For more safety tips, you can visit the following website:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/Lets_Talk_Turkey/index.asp

EXTRA! EXTRA!

For some great holiday themed activities to do with your child visit:

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/thanksgiving/index.html>

Or

<http://holidays.kaboose.com/thanksgiving/>

For more interesting facts about Thanksgiving visit:

<http://www.history.com/content/thanksgiving>

And for after holiday helpful hints and tips for Black Friday visit:

<http://money-finance.kaboose.com/money/shop-black-friday.html>

Reminders

- School Menus available online at www.sodexoeducation.com
- Use www.mealpayplus.com to pay for your Child's Lunches
- Free & Reduced Application are available to all students
- Kids check out Lift Off's website at www.liftoffsplayground.com for great activities and fun!



Sodexo Staff Spotlight



This month's spotlight falls on Jan Pierce, cafeteria manager of MHS. Jan has been with Food Service going on 17 years and says she enjoys everything about her job. Jan also does most of the catering jobs for Jackson County Food Service. One of Jan's strongest points would be going above and beyond the call of duty, plus always teaching her co-workers to do the same. She will never ask something to be done that she would not or has not done herself. Jan gives 110% and expects her staff to do the same. Jan has the respect of her co-workers for this attitude, who describes her as very likeable, up beat, full of energy, a hard worker and very family oriented. Being family oriented has been very important during her life with husband Bill of 44 years. They have two daughters, Tammy, married to Doug and Brandy, married to Kevin, and five grandchildren, Kyle and Kyndall, Cianna, Hailey and Harley. She attends Damascus Free Will Baptist Church. With the holidays coming up Jan says she is most thankful for her family, her health, and in the foundering economy, her job. During her off time, Jan enjoys doing crafts and of course, spending all the time she can with her grandchildren. We would like to say thanks for all she has done and does for us. We hope to enjoy many more years of working with her.



Thanksgiving with the Kids



We would like to invite all parents and guardians to come have Thanksgiving dinner with their children. We will be having Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, and Yellow Cake with Frosting... Yum-Yum. All the schools will be eating on Thursday, memories with your child November 19th, except for Golsen Elementary who will eat on Wednesday the 18th and Hope School who will be eating on Friday the 19th. We encourage you to come and make some wonderful memories.