

# Comstock Park Public Schools

## Food Services Newsletter

### October 2025



#### We've Made It Through Our First Full Month of School!

Time sure flies, and October gives us plenty of reasons to celebrate!

#### •National Farm to School Month

We'll be celebrating with our **Annual Apple Crunch Event** on **October 16th**. Food Service will supply fresh Michigan apples to all students and staff, and each participating building will "crunch" together at the same time. This event is a great way to spark classroom conversations about where food comes from, family food traditions, and even the issue of hunger.

•Comstock Park Public Schools is also proud to be a **10 Cents a Meal Grantee**, which helps us purchase more locally grown produce. Be sure to check out our menus this month to see what Michigan-grown foods we're serving!

#### •Custodian Appreciation Day – October 2nd

Take a moment to thank the hardworking custodians who keep our schools clean and safe.

#### •National School Lunch Week – October 13–17

This year's theme is *Taste the World!* We'll be celebrating with fun events all week long, and Food Service will send out a flyer next week with more details. We're also excited to launch our **Global Eats Program** starting with Mexico, where students will get to try new and different menu options.

#### •Meal Program Update

We are still waiting on the final budget from the State of Michigan, which typically includes funding to provide free meals for students across the state. While we wait for the state's decision, **Comstock Park Public Schools will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all CP students**. If anything changes, the Superintendent will communicate updates right away.

#### •Snack & A La Carte Pricing

Snack prices have been updated. A full list of current a la carte items is available on our [Food Service Website](#) under the *Meal Price* section.



## National School Lunch Week (NSLW) 2025



**National School Lunch Week (NSLW) 2025** will be celebrated from October 13-17, 2025. The theme for NSLW 2025 is "Taste the World: Your School Lunch Passport." As our student population becomes increasingly diverse, it is essential to embrace and celebrate this rich tapestry of cultures. "Taste the World: Your School Lunch Passport" invites students to experience and appreciate global cuisines, fostering a sense of connection and understanding. Look for our menu items this week that highlight different cuisines from around the world. In each of our buildings, we have fun activities for the week! Students who participate by getting a full complete lunch and get involved with our fun days for the week, have the chance to win prizes!



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#### Dates to Remember:

- October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Count Day
- October 1<sup>st</sup>** -Vegetarian Day
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>** -Custodian Day
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>** -World Smile Day
- October 6<sup>th</sup>** -National Noodle Day
- October 8<sup>th</sup>** – Half Day
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** –  
**National School Lunch Week**
- October 16<sup>th</sup>** -Michigan Apple Crunch
- October 21<sup>st</sup>** – National Apple Day
- October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Potato Day
- October 30<sup>th</sup>** – National Candy Corn Day
- October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween & ½ Day for Students



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### Discovery Kitchen:

October is Seed to Table Month in the cafes where we'll be engaging students with fresh recipes, delicious demos, and fun informative nutrition education. Seed to Table is a celebration of fresh, seasonal, and local foods with an exploration of how students and families can have fun growing their own vegetables and herbs.



Michigan Apple  
Crunch Day  
Oct. 16, 2025

**Michigan Apple Crunch:**  
The Michigan Apple Crunch is an annual event hosted by MSU Extension and the Michigan Farm to Institution Network to promote National Farm to School Month and celebrate the iconic Michigan Apple. Thousands of participants from K-12 schools, Early Care and Education sites and other institutions and organizations across the state and Great Lakes Region register to crunch into a local Michigan apple on Crunch Day. Apples provide a great way to get local schools and institutions excited about supporting local farmers and they are a nutritious snack that is available in Michigan eleven months of the year



**Global Eats:**  
Chartwells is trying something new! Global Eats is a program that allows students to try food from different countries. Each month will feature food items from different countries on our menus. This month's country is Mexico! Dishes are simple yet packed with fresh flavors like lime and cilantro and the heat of peppers and spices. Some of our highlighted recipes include Pozole, Albondigas con Arroz, and Elotes-style corn.

We're excited to share this season's marketing materials built around our fall theme: Dip'n to Flavor! This fun, flavorful campaign encourages students to explore healthy dips, bold tastes, and hands-on eating in a way that brings energy to your cafeteria. With social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok setting the stage for food trends, introducing innovative versions of the "core four" popular dipping sauce - BBQ, Buffalo, Mustard, and Ranch - will entice students to try dipping their favorite food into something new, exciting, and only available for a limited-time!

**DIP'N TO  
FLAVOR**

Get Saucy from  
**JULY 28-NOV 2**



### Chartwells Cheers:

The start of the new school year is the perfect time to revisit our cheers program. This is a program by Chartwells that celebrates with our frontline associates! Each month we will be recognizing our employees and spotlighting them in our newsletters!



### **Welcome Katie to our Pine Island Kitchen!**

We are so excited to welcome Katie to our Pine Island Kitchen team! Katie is a proud mom of three students in the district and comes to us with experience working in childcare.

Outside of school, she enjoys spending her time training in Jiu Jitsu. Katie was also nominated by her co-workers as this month's Cheers Winner for her hard work and positive attitude. We are so grateful to have her on our team-if you see her around be sure to say hello!

