

# Menu Highlights | December 2025

# Highlights/New Menu Items

### **Holiday Specials**

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer with our **Holiday Turkey Meal** – a comforting trip of turkey pot pie, honey roasted Brussels Sprouts, and Roasted Sweet Potatoes for PREP sites and Turkey, Stuffing, and Gravy Bowl, Holiday Salad for NNC sites.

- Service Day, 12/18, Thursday
- Roasted Sweet Potato (R4644, R4593N)
- Honey Roasted Brussels Sprouts (R4644, PREP Only)
- Turkey Pot Pie (R0433-CB, R0432-DW)
- Turkey Stuffing and Gravy Bowl (R5775N)
- Holiday Salad (R4701N)
- The recipe guides, gold standard, flyers and videos can be found on the Menu page.

We're also excited to roll out the NEW **Beef and Cheese Tamale**, a student-tested favorite that rose to the top after tasting more than six different varieties.

- R0001, R0002N
- LTO (Limited Time Offer), served twice this month, 12/5, 12/19, Fridays, Lunch

### Warm from the oven, a Freshly Baked Holiday Cookie

- Served only once during the last week of school before winter break, 12/15-12/19
- **EEC** may serve this holiday treat
- PREP R2293/CMS #2435
- NNC R2294N/CMS #2435

## **New Item - Ham Sandwich Options**

- Triple Stack Submarine
  - o On a French roll with turkey breast, ham, and mozzarella
  - o PREP Added to Manager Choice Lunch and Supper Options (R0637)
  - o **NNC** 12/2, Tuesday, Supper (R0638N)
- Ham and Cheese Sandwich
  - o **PREP** Manager Choice Lunch and Supper (R0636)
  - NNC 12/2, Tuesday, Supper (R0639N)

#### Week 1: December 1 - 5

- 12/5, Friday, Breakfast, Nutrigrain Bar (blueberry) and String Cheese (R2305), NOT FOR EEC
- NEW Kashi Strawberry Banana Smoothie Loops, 1oz bag, 96/cs (CMS #1985, R26129)

- o 12/1, Monday, Supper, Manager's Choice Yogurt Parfait, now serve with this.
- o **EEC** Added to Snack menu, served with milk or yogurt

### Red Sliced, IW, Apples (Gold Star)

- Sliced apples will alternate each month. December-Red Sliced, January-Green Sliced, February-Red Sliced, etc. Follow the menu to order the correct sliced apple.
- o Red Sliced, IW, Apples (CMS #3935, R3346)

#### Week 2: December 8 - 12

#### PREP and NNC SITES

 12/10, Wednesday, Breakfast, Pancake Bites (Prep/R2451, NNC/R2452N). No longer served with Turkey Sausage Patty (patty not available anymore). Now served alone (new recipe #, 8 bites)

#### NNC SITES

- o 12/9, Tuesday, Lunch, Triple Stack Sub (turkey, ham/pork, cheese). 6-12 Line 4 Option (R0638N)
- o 12/12, 12/19, Fridays, Supper, Ham (pork) and Cheese Sandwich (R0639N)

### Week 3: December 15 - 19

#### PREP and NNC SITES

- o 12/18, Holiday Meal like for Thanksgiving
  - EEC Sites-Returning Cooked Baby Carrots, Prep/R4374 and NNC/4430N. Less liquid at lunch to reduce frequent accidents during nap time.

### Week 4+: December 22 - January 9

- HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL) Winter Break
- EEC Pupil Free Days December 24 and January 2, NO MEAL SERVICE

### **Nutrition Focus/Farmer's Harvest**

### Farmer's Harvest

- Auto-shipped to all sites DO NOT ORDER
- NNC delivered for Wednesday service

### ALL SITES

- o Crab Apples from Aziz Farms, all weeks in December
- Persian Cucumbers from Aziz Farms, week of 12/8
- Sweet Potatoes from Dickinson Farms, week of 12/15 for holiday meal on 12/18

### PREP ELEM SITES ONLY

- Baby Spinach from Sunrise Organic Farm, Santa Barbara, weeks of 12/1 and 12/8
- Brussels Sprouts from Aziz Farms, week of 12/15 for holiday meal on 12/18

### PREP ELEM and ALL NNC

Organic Carrots from Dickinson Farms, week of 12/1

# Reminders

- Kitchen shutdown procedure and Extended Break Closure and Re-Opening Checklist for Thanksgiving Break
  - o Complete the Closure Checklist on Friday, 12/19
  - o Complete the Re-Opening Checklist on Monday, 1/12
  - o Checklists can be found on the <u>Food Resources</u> page, in the Forms section