

OCTOBER 2025

MENU HIGHLIGHTS

TASTE THE WORLD - WHAT'S NEW ON THE MENU?

October 13 – 17, 2025

National School Lunch Week

For lunch on **Thursday, 10/16**, get ready to spice it up with a sizzling new addition to our lunch lineup! Introducing the **Beef Bibimbap Bowl** a bold and flavorful Korean-inspired

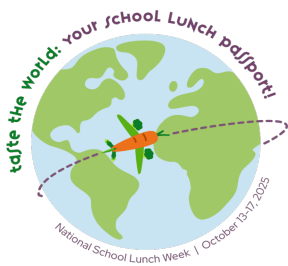
creation with fragrant jasmine rice, carrots, sesame seeds, and a cucumber salad. Fire up the taste buds with our Korean-style beef — savory, spicy, and sizzling with bold flavors like gochujang, garlic, and sesame oil.

PREP: R5834, R5834CO, R5838, R5835 for EEC (no salad)

NNC: Beef Bibimbap Bowl (R5825N) and Cucumber Salad (R4668N).

Sliced Cucumbers and Sauce mixed together at the school site to make the salad.

FUN FACT! It was crafted by culinary students from Polytechnic High and won top honors in a culinary showdown against four other schools. Students will taste the flavor of victory—made by students, for students!!



California Crunch Day on 10/16

Students will make a crunch for healthy school food with Granny Smith and Fuji Apples, fresh from Cuyama Farms. See below under “Farm to School” for other Farmer’s Harvest Produce served during National School Lunch Week.



Prep Sites, get ready to level up our lunch game!
Three bold new pizza flavors are hitting the menu!
Celebrating Tuesday, 10/14, for **National School Lunch Week** with these pizzas.

Hawaiian Pizza (R1125), a sweet-and-salty twist, that pairs juicy Pineapple with ham for tropical vibes in every bite!

Mexican Pizza (R1154), for spice lovers! This pizza brings the heat with zesty Pico de Gallo and fiery jalapeños atop savory pepperoni.

Supreme Pizza (R1155) is loaded with pepperoni, ham, and a fresh kick of Pico de Gallo.
(Ham for these is refrigerated and NOT frozen.)



Turkey Sausage & Pancakes (R5818, R5824N) on 10/15 and 10/29

- Students will fuel up their morning with our **NEW** breakfast combo—savory turkey sausage served with four fluffy, golden bite-sized pancake pillows.
- This is an **LTO, Limited Time Offer**, item that students will surely enjoy while available.



OTHER SPECIALS OUTSIDE OF NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK

Zesty Beef & Cheese Chalupa **SUPREME** & Tortilla Chips (R5817) – Prep 6-12th Only
 Made Supreme with fresh toppings of Pico de Gallo, shredded lettuce & Fresh Salsa (R4613) for Lunch, **10/9 & 10/23**



NEW Slush/Juice Cup Flavors:

Tropical Trio Vegetable Slush - Mango, Orange, & Guava Flavor (CMS #2665, R4524) at Lunch, **Monday, 10/6**
 Frozen Tangerine Juice Cup (CMS #2871, R3856) at Supper, **Wednesday, 10/8**
 Raspberry Passion Fruit Slush (CMS #2472, R3855) at Lunch, **Friday, 10/10**



NEW Supper Entrée: Pepperoni Pizza Croissant (*beef*) (R2301) with Optional: Marinara Sauce (R7132) on **Wednesday, 10/8**

Diwali Celebration: To celebrate the Festival of Lights - one of India's most important holidays, we're serving:

Chicken Masala and Chana Masala (vegan with chickpeas)
 Lunch **Monday, 10/25** (PREP) and **Wednesday, 10/22** (NNC)



NEW LTO (Limited Time Offer) Items:

Cheesesteak Sandwich (R0141) - Prep Only

Made with shaved beef, mozzarella cheese, and French roll for Lunch, **Tuesday, 10/21**

Pineapple Vanilla Breakfast Square – NNC Only for **Breakfast, 10/23**

Fall Pumpkin Cookie – serve to all (including EEC) at Lunch, **Friday, 10/31**



NEW Lunch Entrée: Beef Birria Burrito (R0198, R0198CO) – Prep Only for Lunch, **Friday, 10/31**

Made with shredded beef, birria sauce, pinto beans, cheddar cheese, green chiles & pico de gallo in a whole-grain flour tortilla
 Serve with Optional: Consume (R7117)

OTHER NEWS – Bar Menu, Vegan for Under 4 Years

Harvest Bar Menu: Posted weekly instead of monthly. Please see posted menus.

Vegan Options for EEC, CSPP, and Pals:

- Provide vegan options when requested.
- Review *Guidelines for Serving Students Under 4 Years Old* to avoid choking hazards.

NNC 6th-8th & 9th-12th Grade Lunch Menu Includes the Harvest Stand

1. The Harvest Stand Menu replaces the fresh fruit and vegetable options on the menu.
2. Allow your middle and high school students to use the Harvest Stand.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH and NATIONAL APPLE MONTH
 WITH A BOUNTIFUL FARMER'S HARVEST**

October Farmer's Harvest Items: Persian Cucumbers, Baby Spinach, Celery Sticks, and a variety of apples including the tart and sweet Granny Smith Apples and Fuji Apples.

- **Week of 10/13:** Celery Sticks for all Prep Sites with Harvest Bars ONLY
- **CA Crunch Day on 10/16:** Granny Smith or Fuji Apples for Lunch for all sites
- **Beef Bibimbap Bowl Cucumber Salad on 10/16:** Use Persian Cucumbers for Prep Sites with Vollrath Slicers
- **Week of 10/20:** Spinach is for Harvest Bar sites to dress up the Romaine with a splash of vibrant, dark green.
- **Weeks of 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, & 10/27:** Persian Cucumbers for Lunch for all sites

Farmer's Harvest items will be auto shipped each week. Do NOT order.

- **Prep Sites:** Delivery comes on sites' FWH frozen delivery. Adjust Gold Star order as needed to minimize excess.
- **Prep Sites ONLY: Persian Cucumbers for Beef Bibimbap Bowl Cucumber Salad (R4664-One Source, R5834-Edison).**
 - Refer to Daily Update posted on 9/24 for detailed ordering instructions.
 - Prep sites with Vollrath Slicers: complete survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/tFq8CP0mXY>) by **Friday, 9/26**.
 - Prep sites without Vollrath slicers: use GSF Sliced Cucumbers in place of Persian Cucumbers
- **NNC Sites:** Delivery comes Tuesday for Wednesday service; serve remaining produce during the rest of the week.

