

School Nutrition Department
Board Report
February 12, 2020

I'm happy to report that the ladies are enjoying their new equipment at the Middle School. The Rational Combi Ovens are working out beautifully and they love the new quick switch serving line. This was some needed equipment, especially with the number of students that they are now feeding.

I'm currently preparing for my upcoming USDA Commodity Review with Field Representative, Larry Garriott, from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The review will be February 20.

The commodity season is getting underway. It's the time to begin making commodity processing decisions and preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. I use most of the entitlement dollars in processing. I must be conscientious about this process and use these government funds wisely. I use it where I can get the most bang for my buck. I try to stay focused and conscious of my decisions in this area. I will be filling out commodity calculators, provided by the different vendors to estimate the poundage and dollars that needed to acquire such products. The focus is chicken, cheese, and beef products.

I'm attending General Mills Showcase on February 12 in Lexington. They will be showing us new products that will be available for next year. It's always exciting to see what they have to offer.

I'm having a monthly managers' meeting this week or next to discuss the upcoming review with Larry Garriott. The school that is up for review this year will be Kathryn Winn. I also want to go over the menus for next year and get their input on some of my ideas and students likes and dislikes. This also helps me in making important decisions concerning the commodity processing, purchasing and finalizing menus for next school year.

I have my monthly OVEC meeting on Friday, February 21 at the OVEC office in Shelbyville. We will be discussing new food items for next year, bids and many other items on the agenda as well. We also will be saying so long but not good-bye to the Henry County Director, Sidney Rothenburger, as she is retiring as of

March 1. This will be a bittersweet meeting for her I'm sure. Going forward it will be sad for us not to seeing her face at our regular meetings. We all wish her the best of luck and enjoyable days ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this program.

Respectfully,

Lisa Gault

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