

Carroll County School Nutrition Department

March Board Report

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Commodity processing has been taking up a lot of my time lately. It's time to start thinking and planning for the next school year. Sometimes that's hard to think about when this one's not over yet! I have spent time with Larry Garriott, Agriculture Program Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Garrick Howell, Processing Specialist for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. They have both took time out of their busy schedules to come and spend the day helping me divert commodity dollars to different companies for processing. These are usually center of the plate items such as beef, poultry, and pork. Items like cheese are also of big concern as they are used to make other items like pizza. When doing the processing I also have to be very minded of the brown box items. These are typically fruits and vegetables, frozen and canned. This is still a learning process for me and at times can be very complicated to understand but with their help it is starting to come together and I feel much more confident in understanding its workings. This is truly a huge facet of this position.

I have had several meetings with the OVEC group of directors, bid specialist, and nutritionist to discuss the upcoming bid for the next school year. This also is another very important process.

This is the time to complete employee evaluations. I am taking the time to meet with each employee and give them the time to discuss any concerns or make any comments they may feel important for me to hear at this time. I want the opportunity to discuss their performance, responsibility, and attendance just to mention a few topics. I feel that I have some very dedicated and thoughtful employees to be a part of my staff.

I am beginning to think about the Summer Feeding Program and ways to promote the program as well planning the menu. I will be attending several training sessions via webinar very soon. If my schedule permits, I may even plan to attend a live training in Frankfort, although it is not a requirement for me this year. At a later time, we will be conducting a training session for those employees and all that will be involved working with the program this summer.

We are currently talking to Paul Stone, Athletic Director for Carroll County Schools, to plan the upcoming basketball program banquet. The scheduled date for this event is Wednesday, March 26.

On Thursday, March 27, School Nutrition will be providing Dr. James with cookies and punch for a reception at the Carroll County Middle School Gymnasium. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Respectfully,
Lisa Gault
School Nutrition Director