West Branch – Rose City School District

Food Services Newsletter

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Welcome Back

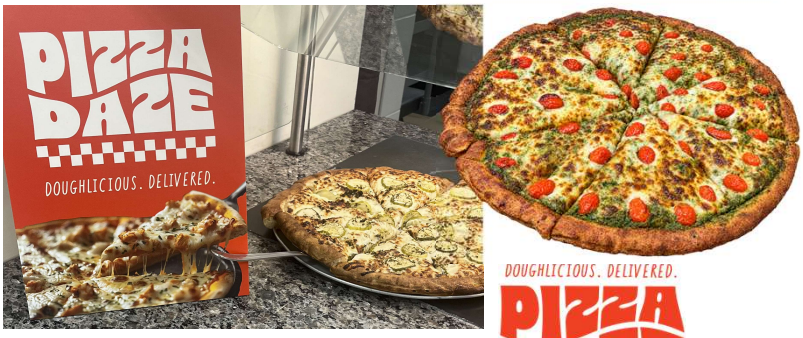
We wanted to kick off the 2026–2027 school year at West Branch–Rose City School District without a hitch! We started by introducing our team members to the school community. These are the dedicated individuals who work in our school kitchens and help nourish students every day. You may have seen our “Meet the Staff” displays, shown above, at back-to-school open houses, family nights, or, more recently, parent-teacher conferences. We hope you and your students enjoyed getting to know our team a little better!

We celebrated the upcoming school year for the school district staff with a trail mix bar during their back-to-school meetings, providing a quick and tasty snack. As you can see, it was Superintendent-approved!

Pictured on the far right are the back-to-school survival kits prepared for all four of our kitchens, filled with daily necessities to help our teams start the school year off right!



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Pizza Daze Craze

School is back in session, and so is Pizza Daze! Ogemaw Heights has been trying new pizzas every other week. As shown above, some of our recent creations include Pickle Pizza, Taco Pizza, Meatball Pizza, and Pesto Pizza!

Surline Middle School has also joined in on the fun of Pizza Daze by offering a variety of pizzas, including Chicken Bacon Ranch, Personal Pizzas, Meat Lovers Pizza, and French Bread Pizza.

We look forward to introducing even more creative pizza options to our students. The response to these new varieties has been great and we’re excited to keep bringing fun and delicious options to our cafeterias!

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Farm to School: Farmers Market

Excitement filled the halls as we hosted our Farmers Market for Surline's 3rd and 4th graders and Rose City School students. For many students, one of the best parts was knowing they could take fresh vegetables home with them. What may have seemed like a simple Farmers Market became something much more meaningful—a chance to connect students with fresh, nutritious food. The impact was especially heartfelt at Rose City School, where students have expressed concerns about the local grocery store closing. Some students openly shared their worries. It created space for important conversations, allowed students to feel heard, and highlighted a very real concern within the community. Seeing the joy on the students' faces and hearing their concerns reinforced why opportunities like this matter to our students. Beyond providing fresh produce, this event helped strengthen community connections and reminded us of the importance of listening to and supporting our students.



SEED TO TABLE











Apple Crunch Day

Apple Crunch is an annual statewide event that encourages students to take a bite out of fresh, locally grown apples while promoting healthy eating habits and supporting local farmers. Pictured to the left is Briellen West enjoying apple nachos made with fresh apple slices, yogurt, sun butter, mini chocolate chips, and granola—a fun and delicious way to celebrate Apple Crunch!



Surline Elementary & Rose City Schools celebrated Apple Crunch day with fresh apples from our local Zettel Orchard & warm apple crisp. Surline Middle school will join the celebration of Apple Crunch day this upcoming Friday October 23rd.

UP NEXT:

Surline Middle School Apple Crunch day Friday October 23rd.



Happy Halloween October 31st!



Rose City's family night on October 29th join us for walking tacos!



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