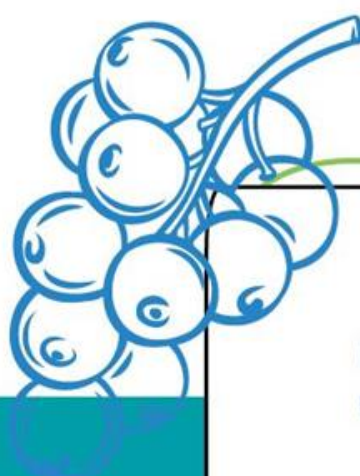




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September 2026 Food Service Report

Lehigh Area School District

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A Great School Year Awaits!



It's a new beginning, a fresh, bright year! We're more excited than ever to welcome our students back! Over the summer months we developed new programs to unveil and continued training our staff. We've refined and improved the favorite foods they've come to love, and we also created delicious, new chef-crafted meals that we can't wait to share with them.

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Leadership Summit 2026



This year's theme: ***Grow Together***



TNG hosted our annual **Leadership Summit** (formerly Summer Seminar) at two locations, Wind Creek Casino and Rivers Casino, in July. **Each session was an outstanding showing of unity**, bringing together our K12, Commissary, and FMS team members. This year's theme, **"Growing Together,"** was seeded with inspiration planted by our three speakers, Simon T. Bailey, Joe Pettit, and Clay Scroggins. **Our team is all prepped and ready for a hardy harvest in the coming year!**



Professional Development Day 2026



Our hourly cafeteria staff attend our **Professional Development Day and opening meetings** where they earn continuing education credit requirements set by the USDA.

This year's continuing education sessions included:

- Seeds to Success: Introduction with Joe Pettit
- Civil Rights: State Specific
- The Seed and The Soil: Conflict Management
- The Farmer: Customer Service
- The Seasons and Plan: Communication & Time Management
- Preparing the Garden: Safety
- Plant & Produce: Offer vs Serve



The staff loved the Ice Cream Truck for dessert at PDD.

This training also empowers our staff to deliver delish meals with outstanding

Numbers across the cafeteria

September 2026

	Budget	Actual
Breakfast	14174	15550
Lunch	28576	27456
Ala-Carte	9462	9379



Our breakfast counts are exceeding budget as a district! Lunch and Ala-Carte participation are under budget, however we will continue to menu items based on student feedback and offer more ala-carte choices to draw students into our cafeterias.

What's New at Nutrition

for the 2026-2027 School Year?

We have new initiatives, programs, and ideas that we're cooking up to keep our customers excited!



This fun new Pizza Party Contest incentivizes teachers to try our cooking instead of brown-bagging it.



My School. My Menu.

This new program lets the principal (or someone in the administration) select and serve the lunch menu for the day.

We can't wait to see what they will choose to serve up!

A taste of what's to come!



The Scoop Newsletter is back!

Secret Shopper Card

Shhh...Select students and school staff will secretly rate their entire meal and provide feedback to help enhance the dining experience.

Previously known as TNG Cares, the Heart Award honors employees who lead with love and whose actions consistently reflect our mission, values, and spirit-making a meaningful, lasting difference in the kitchen and beyond!



We are excited to reveal our fresh, innovative recipes for this school year!

New Chef-crafted Recipes for the 2026-2027 School Year



New Breakfast & Lunch Items Include:

- Chicken Tenders with TNG Crave Sauce
- Chicken Tenders in Wraps, with Sauces, and on Waffles
- Whole Grain Ciabatta Sliders in a variety of new recipes
- Gluten-Free Breaded Boneless Wings
- Mini Square Cheese Ravioli with a variety of Sauces
- Breakfast Bagel Pizza
- Egg & Cheese Breakfast Pizza
- Cheesy Sausage Breakfast Frittata
- Breakfast Scramble Mac N Cheese Bowl
- Egg, Sausage, & Cheese Breakfast Taco
- Fiesta Beef Breakfast Nachos

New Ala Carte Items:

- Asian Vegetable, Southwest Chicken, and Breakfast Egg Rolls
- Sriracha Doritos
- Sunflower Kernels
- Backpack Shelf Stable Yogurt

Breakfast Item

Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls-WG

Stop in your cafeteria and check it out!

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BACK TO
SCHOOL



Opening Meeting Grab and Go Breakfast for the entire district staff and a very happy new kindergartener getting to try our tasty school lunch at Kindergarten Orientation.



We featured the Mac Attack Tater Tots Bowl at the Middle School and High School. The feedback from the students was very positive. We will be sure to offer this Fave again!





Nutrition for Life

Welcoming New Learners to the Cafeteria



On Sept 23rd, 24th and 25th we celebrated Nutrition for Life in the Cafeteria. The Class with the highest participation won an ice cream party. Congrats to Mrs. Kline's Class!



We had so much fun introducing our new learners to the tastiest part of their day!

The Heart Award

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Sheila is the head cook at Willow Academy, one of the BHA schools. More than 60 percent of the votes for the Heart Award went to Sheila. Some of the comments were she is always smiling, can honor any special meal requests, lets the students try their numbers at the POS numerous times until they enter it right, shows lots of patience. The comments went on and on. It was very easy to see why she should be the Heart Award winner.

Thank you Sheila for all that you do. It does not go unnoticed!



Mark your calendars and
visit your cafeteria!



CELEBRATE

National School
Lunch Week

October 12-16, 2026



This year's theme is "Cafeteria Circus."

- ***The Main Attraction:** Highlighting the nutrient-dense "star performers" on the menu.
- ***Feats of Strength:** Celebrating the resilience and dedication of the kitchen staff.
- ***A Ringmaster's Precision:** Showcasing the administrative excellence required to run a world-class nutrition program.

Mark your calendars

to join us in your cafeteria for our
delicious and fun upcoming events!

National School Lunch Week with Giveaways
Oct 13th through 16th

Grade 4 Parent Luncheons Oct 20th through 24th



Halloween Spooky
Treats

October 29-30



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