

TO: Eric Waddell, Superintendent
FROM: Wendy Collins, Director of Nutrition Program
DATE: November 14, 2017
RE: November Quarterly Report



➤ **Maine Harvest Week**

-Mitchell, Shapleigh and Traip Academy kitchens celebrated Maine Harvest Week in September to promote and teach about local harvests. Students helped husk corn at Mitchell and Shapleigh. Traip Academy celebrated by grilling burgers and corn outside for the Rangers.

The Shapleigh fourth graders were also visited by Tara from Weathervane Seafoods teaching their Lobster Lore class, explaining how lobsters are harvested.

➤ **Farm to School**

-We continue to buy local produce as the seasons allow, which is all too short here in Maine. We purchase apples from Giles Farm (almost year round), corn from Riverside Farms and many items from Greenlaw Gardens. We also received produce from our own school gardens. Many thanks to Anne Masury for her hard work and dedication, and to Allie Casciotti for her donations from the Shapleigh garden.

➤ **Local Fish**

We are purchasing local fish caught in the Gulf of Maine that is a Certified Sustainable product. This is a healthier option for our students and allows us to continue our mission of buying locally. Traip Academy served an amazing Fish taco with remoulade sauce and seasoned rice.

➤ **Food Art**

The kitchens had fun creating watermelon monsters, scary faced pizza, and spider and goblin cookies. Each kitchen had fun dressing up in creative costumes and decorating their kitchens for the fall season. Shapleigh had a Halloween smoothie contest for students, serving the winning "potion" on Smoothie Friday that week. Mr. Waddell helped choose the winner from the many entries.

➤ **State Administrative Review**

- Week of April 30, 2018
- Mitchell School and Traip Academy
- Pre-Visit Information packet is due March 16, 2018
- Telephone interview on April 26, 2018

➤ **Participation**

The program served over 11,000 lunches in the month of October district wide. Add in breakfast and we served over 14,000 meals!

-Mitchell School: Breakfast 14% Lunch 54%
-Shapleigh School: Breakfast 17% Lunch 53%
-Traip Academy: Breakfast 13% Lunch 51%