



# Dallas Center-Grimes

## Food Services Newsletter

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### Taste and Learn: Chef Brings Culinary Lessons to Students

Students explored the comforting flavors of Shepherd's Pie, learning how food connects to memories and traditions. Another lesson highlighted the Middle East with a demo of chocolate hummus, teaching the history of hummus, its cultural impact, and global popularity. In elementary schools, gingerbread decorating at Heritage and DCE introduced students to the origins of gingerbread, the role of spices, and how those flavors create holiday favorites. Food isn't just tasty, it's a gateway to culture, history, and creativity. Every recipe tells a story, and these lessons help students discover the world one bite at a time.



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### Chili Days, WARM BELLIES



Chef Jozsef treated an Oak View Social Studies class to a savory Denver Scramble as part of Chili Days!



## DISCOVERY KITCHEN FUN

### Spice It Up !

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**Spice It Up** is a celebration of international recipes that are proven to raise the bar of the spice rack. It empowers students to cook with seasonings that are sure to spice up any meal with their family and friends. Throughout December, we'll engage students with fresh recipes, delicious demos, and fun and informative nutrition education.

Get ready to add a little spice to your day!



## Cookies Take Center Stage on National Cookie Day!



Over 550 students enjoyed a free cookie during lunch, making the celebration one to remember. Students were treated to a delicious variety of options, including classic chocolate chip cookies, colorful M&M cookies, and soft sugar cookies. The event brought smiles and excitement to the lunchroom, proving that sometimes the simplest treats create the biggest moments.

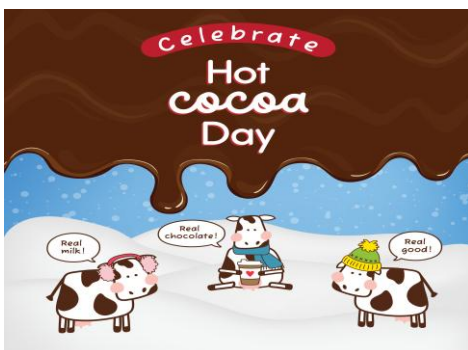


## FUN DAYS THIS MONTH:

Cookie Day was a sweet success!



We are excited to be offering a cup of hot cocoa with mini marshmallows for Hot Cocoa Day.



We hope you enjoy a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!



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