

Liberty School
Lunch Time
Waste Audit 1 - January 19, 2017



Cool Caf.
Food Fun Friends

RED GOAL

Take Lots of Carrots
Coke Don't
Sundae
Sally
Honey

EXIT

iNOON Troops

Aramark Food Service does the
“hot lunch” service at all Plainfield Schools.
Today’s Choices - hamburgers & chicken nugget salad.



Fruit table – Students choose 2



Me telling the kids at Liberty School to sort their food waste in the designated area of the lunchroom instead of throwing it in garbage cans.



650 Students Eat Lunch daily



Some bring lunches from home, and some order hot lunches.



1 of 5 lunch periods (20 min. long)



Teachers helping students sort



Uneaten Food



Paper tray liners & 31 unopened milk cartons & food waste



Plastic Forks, Cups, Baggies, etc.



Styrofoam, Chip/Cookie Bags & Juice Boxes/Pouches



Students bring trays to totes when finished eating and sorting.



Teachable Moments



Good things in this school lunch room.

- No Paper Lunch Sacks –all reusable lunch bags
- Great reusable lunch trays with paper liners
- Only 2 pieces of Styrofoam from all lunches
- Recycle class/office paper & #1 plastic bottles

Recommended Improvements

- Need more washable containers and fewer baggies and single serving packaged foods from home lunches.
- 31 unopened milks could have been turned back in to lunch service. Lots of milk left in cartons. This could be poured into buckets. Cartons can be recycled in some programs.
- Students need to tell parents they are packing too much food, as cookies, sandwiches, and fruit was uneaten in too many cases.
- Food service also served too much food for many students. Lunch workers said they do not think they can cut portion size because of national school lunch program standards.
- Need to eliminate hurdles to starting a donation table for uneaten fruits.

Thank You

Liberty students, teachers, parents,
facilities, and lunch service !