

Greater Albany Public Schools Elementary School Culinary Competition



Hello Parents,

We're thrilled as our "Future Chefs National Challenge" continues to build momentum as an exciting and engaging way to encourage student participation in a fun and rewarding recipe contest. This year, we're accepting entries **grades 3 through 5.**

The idea behind this event is to help educate the kids in **HEALTHY EATING HABITS**. Too often we hear about obesity in kids and kids not making the right choices in terms of their eating habits. That's why we want kids to submit recipes for their **favorite healthy comfort food!**

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Kid Friendly
- Ease of Preparation
- Healthy Attributes
- Plate Presentation
- Taste

Timeline of the event:

1. A flyer will be posted in the cafeteria describing the event. Next to this flyer will be a blank recipe card and an entry box.
2. Kids who would like to participate need to fill out the recipe card and return it to the entry box in the cafeteria by January 27th.
3. The recipe submissions will be gone over and narrowed down to our 8 finalists.
4. Those finalists will be formally invited to a Culinary Competition "Cook-Off" on March 16th tentatively scheduled for 5pm.

Transportation of the kids will not be provided on March 16th for the competition. Kids will need to be dropped off and picked up at South Albany High School Cafeteria.

Each group of kids will have a kitchen staff member assigned to help them to ensure that there are no safety issues. This will ensure safe food and preparation practices are followed and no one gets harmed.

As an added bonus, our competition is just one of many local competitions that Sodexo will be orchestrating across the country in March. The winning recipe from each event will be entered to win a national competition. More details will follow, but we're lining up some great prizes for those that are chosen to receive national recognition!

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or concerns.

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