
STUDENT OF THE MONTH LUNCHEONS

Franklin/York Learning Center

Massillon, Ohio

Franklin/York Learning Center focused on increasing parental involvement school-wide. Student of the Month Luncheons, a successful activity from our One-Year Action Plan, provided important results for students, families, and the school. Each month a student was selected by the teacher or classmates from each class to be “Student of the Month” based on her/his improved behavior, grades, or attendance.

We sent home letters on rainbow paper inviting parents to a free lunch with their child on a specific day. The students’ names and their “claim to fame” were read over the public address system. The bulletin board in the front hall displayed certificates and their pictures for a month. The *Franklin/York Gazette*, our school newspaper, and also the city paper featured the students’ names and pictures.

Almost one hundred percent of the students had a family member who could share lunch on the scheduled day. Students felt proud of their success as they ate lunch with their mom, dad, grandma, aunt, uncle, or neighbor at a special table decorated in their honor. Students received a button with their picture to wear, and they enjoyed the attention from everyone including cooks, custodians, monitors, and others. Some guests stayed for recess or visited the classrooms in the afternoon.

This activity increased student success and made our school a friendlier place for parents. Judging from the number of free lunch coupons used, the interest in bulletin boards, and the parents who wanted to wear their child’s button, this program was a success!

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