APS Nutrition Services Coordinator Appears on Chopped

Creating a scrumptious appetizer out of ground turkey, raw pepitas, frozen yogurt and broccoli sounds like a daunting task. Leave it to APS Nutrition Services Coordinator Shannon Solomon to turn those ingredients into a delicious turkey lettuce wrap with broccoli.

It happened recently during Solomon’s appearance on the Food Network show Chopped, a cooking competition show about skill, speed and ingenuity. During the taping of the show, Solomon and three other school district chefs from across the country used everyday items and turned them into an extraordinary three-course meal. Course by course, the chefs were “chopped” from the competition until only one winner remained.

Solomon made it through the appetizer course, but was let go following the entrée. Although they were competing against one another, Solomon said she wanted the other school chefs to do well. “Meeting women who live so far away but share the same passion for their students was amazing,” she said. “We all hit it off so quickly because we all share so many core values!”

Solomon said she was blessed to be chosen for the competition and that it was an experience she will never forget.

Emergency School Closure Information

If Aurora Public Schools closes schools or delays start times, the news will be shared via the following:

- Local television and radio stations
- Automated phone calls to parents and staff
- Facebook and Twitter
- APS website
- APS Emergency Line (303-326-1080)

Weather Conditions

When inclement weather hits Aurora, APS staff members assess conditions beginning just after midnight to determine the impact on operations. If there is a need to close schools or delay the start of the school day, Superintendent John L. Barry and staff will make the decision as early as possible.

Delayed Start Times

Should APS staff make the decision to delay school, the school day would begin one hour later than normal. APS buses will pick up students one hour later than normal. Staff members are expected to arrive at school as close to their regular start time as is safely possible.

Please note: A delayed start does not change regular pick-up times at the end of the school day.