Helping Students Shape Successful Futures One Meal at a Time

The Aurora Public Schools Nutrition Services department is a well-oiled machine that prepares high-quality, nutritious food to support learning. The 300-member team of support staff, cooks, servers and more provide over 15,000 breakfast and 20,000 lunch meals to our students every day.

Nutrition Services also offers numerous educational programs, including Go, Slow, Whoa, which helps students and parents learn how to make healthier food choices. They even operate a summer meal program to ensure that all students maintain a balanced diet during the break.

One integral component of this “machine” is the APS Bakery, a wonderfully-aromatic space where countless bread products are made from scratch. Our bakers never use preservatives and ensure that each recipe meets nutrition requirements. After whipping up hundreds of batches, they slice, package and send the products to 58 school sites every day.

“I love my job knowing that we can make a difference in students’ lives by serving them well-balanced meals,” said APS Bakery Manager Barb Stembel, who will soon retire after serving APS for nearly 30 years. “I have worked with amazing people and would not retire if it were not for my age.”

Stembel helped open the APS Bakery in 1991 and will leave a legacy of quality over quantity.

APS Art Educators Exhibit Opens Feb. 3!

Join us for the 16th annual APS Art Educators Exhibit at Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA), located at 1405 Florence St., in Aurora. This free exhibit will showcase original artwork from our talented APS art educators.

An opening reception will be held on Feb. 3 from 4-7:30 p.m. The exhibit will run through March 4, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the fourth consecutive year, APS educators will create and donate small art works in conjunction with their large-scale pieces. All proceeds raised from this portion of the show will be donated to A.J. Boik’s Memorial Scholarship at the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design. Boik was a Gateway High School graduate who planned to study art education, but his life was cut short in the Aurora theater shooting.

For more information, call 303-367-5886 or visit davarts.org.