

Here are some highlights from the Duval County Public Schools Nutrition Program for the month of October:

### **Farm to School Month**

For National Farm to School Month, we brought our local farm partner, Native Fresh, into the classroom at Hidden Oaks Elementary for students to get to know the grower. Students learned about aquaponics farming practices and sustainably from Native Fresh, an innovative aquaponics greenhouse located in downtown Jacksonville that provides lettuce for our high schools.

### **National School Lunch Week**

We celebrated October 10-14 with a groovy campaign theme, “Peace, Love & School Lunch.” We encouraged students to celebrate with us by working with their kitchen crew to decorate the serving line and cafeteria or dress up with them to go along with the theme!



### **Student Choice**

This month, we featured a new concept voted by our high school students as their top two option when polled last spring. Making its debut this October on high school menus is “Made to Melt” – cheesy, casual, comfort cuisine, including:

- 3 Cheese Italian Toaster
- Buffalo Ranch Meatball Sub
- Mac & Cheese Grilled Cheese

- Pepperoni Melt with Marinara Dipping Sauce

### **Oktoberfest**

On October 19, we took a trip overseas to celebrate the season of fall with a special German-inspired menu day, including:

- Cheese Spaetzle
- Chicken Schnitzel with Gravy
- Mashed Potato Gratin
- Baked Apples with Strudel Topping

### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we served a Latin-inspired menu on October 25, including taco de pescado, Cuban beans and rice, and elote street corn.