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Lunch Menu to Feature New Creations From Cooking Contest

The very first School Food Service (SFS) Cooking Contest on November 7th was a great success! Nine teams of SFS managers and staff created 15 delicious recipes and presented them in front of a panel of 11 student judges. This was a wonderful opportunity for SFS managers and staff to get involved in the menu planning process by using products available to make creative and tasty entrees and side dishes. The wide variety of recipes judged in the contest included:

- Spinach & Feta Flatbread
- Supremo Pizza
- Spinach & Feta Bake
- Hawaiian Pasta Salad
- Broccoli Cheese Soup
- Italian Pasta Salad
- Chicken Fajita Bowl
- Roasted Butternut Squash
- Pasta Salad
- Buffalo Cauliflower
- Cheese-stuffed Mini Peppers
- Island Chicken
- Cheesy Potato Casserole
- Santa Fe Shepard's Pie
- Taco Bowl

“All of the dishes received excellent feedback from the judges and the scores were very close,” explained Jennifer Havers, Nutrition Specialist. A special congratulations goes to Limestone Creek Elementary for receiving first place for the Supremo Pizza, Polo Park Middle for second place for the Island Chicken, and Jerry Thomas Elementary received third place for the Taco Bowl.

Because all of the dishes received raving reviews, recipes from the contest will be featured on the menu starting in January 2018. The winning recipe, Supremo Pizza, will be on the menu at all levels on January 31, 2018. Also, the Spinach & Feta Bake will be offered February 12 at secondary schools and February 13 at elementary schools, the Taco Bowl will be on the menu February 13 for secondary and February 15 for elementary, and the Broccoli and Cheese Soup will be offered at all levels on February 26. Additional recipes from the contest will be placed on the menu in the months following.

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