

AT GOTHENBURG IT'S "BREAKFAST AT BRUNCH"



It's 9:35 a.m. on a typical weekday morning in central Nebraska and the middle and high school students are hungry! Enter Joni Jacobsen, school foodservice director, and her Gothenburg staff of eight. They can be seen rolling their carts, laden with hot cinnamon-glazed French toast, juice, yogurt and milk down the halls, to the waiting 350 students of the 393 student population who eat breakfast every day.



Gothenburg students enjoy "Breakfast at Brunch" in their classroom.

By 9:45 a.m. students from 20 classrooms have stepped into the hallway and helped themselves to the breakfast cart. They take their sustenance back into class to help boost their morning brain power and energy levels while morning announcements are read.

This is the second year of "Breakfast at Brunch." Participation for breakfast in the cafeteria before school averaged 25.

Organization and planning include preparation and prepackaging the day before. Waste goes into plastic garbage bags already in classrooms that janitors simply replace each day. Meal counts are approximate, based on average participation. As



Joni Jacobsen (back row, far left) and her Brunch Crew enjoy celebrating "Breakfast at Brunch," by serving ice cold milk and wearing their got milk?[®] t-shirts.

students help themselves from the breakfast cart their names are marked off from a classroom roster. Payment is later deducted from the student's computerized cafeteria account.

Teacher response to breakfast has always been positive. Randy Evans, Senior High principal, is extremely pleased with brunch taken to students because it is efficient, quick and beneficial to students.

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