



## **APS Student Nutrition**

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### **APS Student Nutrition Receives Grant to Expand Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program**

Alamogordo Public Schools is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our mission to foster healthy eating habits among our students. On Monday, November 6th, the Student Nutrition Department received an official grant award of \$33,654, opening up exciting opportunities to expand our Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program.

This grant, thoughtfully requested by APS Student Nutrition, will enable us to include Holloman Elementary and Buena Vista Elementary in the program, offering more children access to this wonderful program. Although these schools did not initially qualify for the Federal program for the upcoming school year 2023-24, we are now proud to bring the benefits of the Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program to all APS elementary school students.

The Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program plays a vital role in creating healthier school environments. By introducing students to an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, including new and diverse varieties, we aim to boost their overall acceptance and consumption of fresh unprocessed produce. Additionally, the program supports nutrition education, contributing to the promotion of healthier school environments.

Our objectives with the FFVP encompass broadening the range of fruits and vegetables children experience, increasing their consumption of these wholesome options, and influencing their diets in ways that positively impact their present and future health.

Students at every APS elementary school will receive a unique fresh fruit or vegetable twice a week, served right in their classrooms. Our dedicated teachers will enhance the experience by delivering an educational component, ensuring that students fully appreciate the significance of each item. All items will be prepared and portioned for convenient classroom consumption.

We are genuinely excited to continue this program, committed to providing every resource within our grasp to combat child obesity and foster healthier eating habits among the students of Alamogordo Public Schools.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Davis with the APS Student Nutrition Department at 575-812-6085 or via email at [sandra.davis@alamogordoschools.org](mailto:sandra.davis@alamogordoschools.org).

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