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Food Service prepares to serve 171,000 meals a day ***Central Kitchen gears up for the new school year***

LAS VEGAS – Boasting one of the largest meal programs in Nevada, the Clark County School District Food Service Department is ready to serve 171,000 meals a day when the new school year begins August 25, 2008.

The centerpiece of this large-scale enterprise is the Central Kitchen, located at 6350 East Tropical.

While some workers package meals on a high-speed production line, others prepare student-tested menu items from scratch, using a state-of-the-art cook/chill system that can cook up to 1,000 pounds of ground beef in 19 minutes.

Well known for its efficiency, Food Service prepares 130,000 lunches every day, along with 41,000 breakfasts and 6,500 after-school snacks, growing to 11,500 in September.

Cinnamon rolls, produced in quantities averaging 15,000 per day, are part of a complete breakfast that includes milk and juice. According to Sue Hoggan, Food Service senior supervisor, the school district's cinnamon rolls are so popular that when an equipment malfunction last year temporarily halted production of the tasty treats, there was nearly an uprising among CCSD students and employees.

For this upcoming school year, Food Service anticipates greater interest in the free and reduced price lunch program (FRL), primarily due to the troubled economy. FRL applications are available at all schools, and Hoggan reminds parents to complete a new application for each school year.

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