

Looking for a way to promote unity?



Looking for character education opportunities?



Do your students look forward to lunch?



## Our Mission

We create unique situations and opportunities which give students a chance to share their time and talents. Our goal is to provide positive and genuine interaction for students through games and activities.


Each student is unique and it is those unique qualities we celebrate.



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*Lunch is my favorite subject.*



## THE LUNCH BUNCH

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# Our Story

When we started watching the lunchroom in 2006, we found that many students would bring a lot of 'drama' to the lunchroom. There were many times when students would get into arguments, and a lot of times we had to talk to students to diffuse a possible fight. Tears were not uncommon. There were also many times when students showed their suspicion of us when we walked

around the lunchroom. They would give us 'dirty looks' as we came by. The number of messes students would leave on tables and the floor was difficult to handle.



In addition, we had to make sure that we were visible in all parts of the lunchroom to help deal with disruptive groups of kids and to make sure students acted responsibly.

Today...

### Our School

|                                   |                         |
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| IEP students: 12.5%               | Students per lunch: 300 |
| Free/ Reduced lunch students: 51% |                         |
| Total Enrollment: 1080 students   |                         |

We believe that students today are much more responsible, and they are more trusting of us. Students are very good about keeping the lunchroom clean, and we don't have nearly as many incidents of disruptive behavior. And, while it is hard to measure, we have noticed that students are much more receptive to Lunch Bunch activities as well as Birthday Bunch shenanigans. They feel comfortable being around each other. Students have shown us that they can be trusted with Guitar Hero Tournaments, Dance Dance Revolution competition, and even Camp Chair Chess. There were many times when we didn't even supervise these activities, and students handled the responsibility in an adult manner.

**A school that plays together stays together.**

## What do we do?

We provide games, activities, and service projects for students to engage in during lunch.



## How do we do it?

We spent years building rapport with the students. We started slowly with birthday activities and went from there.

Sometimes we go from table to table and encourage entire tables to stack cups or sing songs. Some days we sit back and let kids come to the games.

## Does it work?

YES! The students of Ashland High School have embraced our unique style of play and often enjoy the activities and games.



## Can anyone do this?

YES! We encourage others to get involved in the Lunch Bunch!

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