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SCHOOL RECEIVES AWARD FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS

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Whitehall Public School received a statewide award for its healthy school breakfast and lunch programs. The Healthier Montana Menu Challenge (<http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/healthiermt.html>) recognizes exceptional school meals programs. Whitehall School successfully met a challenging list of menu criteria to qualify for the award. The menu criteria ensure school menus reflect the dietary guidelines by serving more fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grains, lower fat entrees, legumes, and low fat milk choices. Whitehall School is the third Montana school to receive this prestigious award.

The Healthy School Meals Award was received under the leadership of Sherilyn Stasch, the previous food service director. Linda Kelly, the current food service director, plans and serves healthy school meals the children love because, "the children are important to us; we focus on their health and nutrition."

Whitehall School serves more than 5,500 lunches and 900 breakfast meals each month. The award-winning menu is served district wide, allowing all students healthy options. Whitehall Principal Luann Carroll said, "The school meals program supports our wellness initiatives."

"My grandmother was a school cook for 28 years. She understood that serving nutritious choices at school lunch provides the brainpower students need for academic success while teaching them an important lifelong skill – learning to eat healthy," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau.