

# Scratch Cooking Spotlight

## Augusta Public Schools



The School Food Service Staff at Augusta School has completed the Montana School Meals Certificate Training, a professional development program which provided a \$7,500 grant to support the school's nutrition program. Funding was provided by a USDA Team Nutrition grant.

Kim Lee, School Food Service Director, completed the training program. Chloe Louws was recently hired as Assistant Cook and is the perfect addition to the Augusta School Nutrition team. Kim and Chloe work together to prepare and serve fresh, colorful and nutritious hot meals each school day.

Highlights of Augusta's awesome school meals program:

- **Scratch cooked meals-** The delicious, eye-appealing lunches made fresh begin with mainly scratch-cooked ingredients. Augusta's dedicated team goes above and beyond to bake delectable breads and mouthwatering desserts including frosted pumpkin bars, cinnamon rolls, granola treats, and more! YUM!
- **Local beef-** The beef used in the majority of Augusta's school meals is purchased from local rancher, Cobb Charolais. Utilizing local foods is a win for the local economy, helps build community relationships, and the students benefit from high quality foods. Way to go!
- **Abundant fruits and vegetables-** The school has increased fresh fruit and vegetable offerings with salad bar days. Kim creatively utilizes chilled bins to keep greens fresh and crunchy.

Funds from the training program were used to purchase a new waffle maker and steam table; and paid for staff to attend training at the annual School Nutrition Association Conference and a culinary training.

Great job, Augusta School Nutrition Team! Your school meals are second to none and we are so proud of the work you do every day to feed your students!



Chloe Louws and Kim Lee in the Augusta School kitchen.

Pumpkin bars with cream cheese frosting!



Augusta student, Norah Louws, enjoys school lunches daily.

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