

# Seamless Summer 2017



## Summer time has arrived and so has **SUMMER FEEDING!**



Bernalillo Public Schools hosted their Seamless Summer Option (SSO) kickoff event on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Rotary Park, with nearly 300 lunches being served that day! They had an eventful few hours at the park as the community came together to support the event. The kids excitedly lined up for grilled burgers and hotdogs. The plate was overflowing with nutritious food. With each lunch, the kids received a raffle ticket to possibly win a bike.

Dean Gallegos, Bernalillo Food Service Director takes pride in feeding the kids nutritious meals. The kids were hungry and excitedly lined up for a plate filled with a choice of delicious grilled cheese-

burgers or yummy hotdogs, lettuce and tomatoes, a pickle spear, a cup of pork and beans, a bag of Whole Grain SunChips, a colorful cup of mixed fresh fruit, corn on the cob and two choices of milk. The staff was easily recognized by their custom made SSO t-shirts and their smiles.

As the kids sat down to eat their lunch they were eagerly waiting for the raffle to win a bike, there was also lively music playing and kids and families were dancing to the beat. It was a busy scene. Dean Gallegos has always taken pride in serving nutritious meals to the children in the community. The scene looked amazing! The serving tables were lined with table cloths and the hot serving trays, it looked like the event was being catered. There was support from the community, Mayor Jack Torres, Deputy Superintendent Leslie Romero-Kilmer, the police department and the fire department were all present; it looked like a big party! The summer recreation kids came over, as well as parents and kids from the surrounding community.



The students anxiously gathered around as the winning tickets were announced. Four bikes were raffled and two lucky girls and two lucky boys were announced as the winners. The winners walked up with pride to get their bike and rode off while the other kids went running after them. The police played football with some of the kids and after lunch, the students quickly ran to the firetruck that was spraying the kids with the water hose to cool them off. As the Chief of Police, Tom Romero stated that his policemen asked him prior to summer if the department had soccer balls to play with the kids for summer.

It was a wonderful, eventful day and Dean Gallegos made it memorable for the kids. The community pulled together to have a, successful SSO kick-off event. It was an exciting time with lots of support from the community!!!