

Meet the Member

CHLOE CRANDALL
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SCHOOL

**ANOKA-HENNEPIN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Tell us about your district:

Anoka-Hennepin School District has 38,000 students. We serve roughly 11,000 breakfasts and 27,500 lunches daily.

Tell us about your involvement in MSNA and how the membership supported your career path:

As an MSNA member for many years, I feel supported by my peers and know that I can reach out to a great many of them to gain their understanding on any school nutrition subject.

What motivates you to work in School Nutrition?

I thoroughly enjoy the daily interaction with the students and gaining knowledge of so many unique personalities, especially the first year students. Witnessing their growth in confidence throughout their six years at Sand Creek Elementary School is very gratifying to me.

What don't people know about School Nutrition that they should know?

Our kitchen team at Sand Creek Elementary School has nurtured and maintained a warm, welcoming environment for the student body. This has made it a fun and friendly place for the students to visit every day.

Describe the most popular meal on your lunch menu and your personal favorite:

By far, the most popular meal is the cinnamon roll, omelet, hashbrowns and a cookie tray. My personal favorite is the French bread pizza.

Share with us how you can sense how students are having a bad day and how you cheer them up:

A student's body language often reflects how they are feeling on any given day. When I sense a student is less than cheerful, I joke with them, offer a personal compliment and let them know everything will be all right. I make it a point of addressing them by their first name which makes them feel special.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job and the most rewarding?

The most challenging to me is preparing enough of the popular daily entrees for the entire student body. As most of us are aware, referring to past serving records of any given entrée isn't always accurate in predicting their selection today. The goal is and has always been to provide each student their favorite choice of the day.

The most rewarding part of my job is receiving personal compliments on the food that I prepared for the students and their smiles.

- Chloe Crandall, Child Nutrition Assistant, Anoka County School District 11

"Chloe Crandall has the unique ability to make each child feel extra special every day. She does an excellent job addressing challenging diet accommodations without a second thought. Chloe is doing exceptional and important work each day."

-Jess Peña, MSNA Secretary/Finance