



## Del Mar Union School District and **Choicelunch** Proudly Partner!

Choicelunch has been California's leading school lunch provider for years, but for the first time, they are bringing their award-winning program here to Del Mar.

In searching for an ideal partner to help us feed our kids, the Del Mar School District focused on many principles.

Those criteria included:

- Food prepared from scratch
- Fresh fruit, vegetables and whole grains
- No artificial colors, preservatives, high fructose corn syrup or partially hydrogenated oils
- Meats and dairy free of added hormones and nitrates/nitrites
- Local, organic and sustainable ingredients whenever possible.

Choicelunch has built a celebrated reputation by feeding thousands of Californian kids wholesome, chef-prepared and kid-approved school lunches. They source sustainable ingredients, and champion small producers by working directly with farmers, dairies and bakers (for example, their breads come from Bread & Cie!). They focus on locally grown, organic produce, wherever they can, not only because it is the freshest tasting but it promotes principles that help ensure our lands remain fertile and fruitful for our children and our children's children. They use antibiotic-free and hormone-free meats and dairy, and all of their meals are free of trans-fats, high fructose corn syrup, artificial colors and preservatives. Their lunch program features custom-designed compostable packaging and they have been distinguished for their green business practices.

Truly, this is a lunch program our parents can be proud of!