



## ASFS and Food Bus

ASFS and Food Bus are partnering to reduce food waste and feed the hungry in our community!

Did you know that the United States throws out enough food to fill the Rose Bowl... every single day? At the same time, 1 in 6 Americans live in a home in which their access to adequate food is limited by lack of money or other resources?

We have already started collecting unopened/unused food that students would otherwise throw in the trash after lunch, which ASFS donates to AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) to feed those in need. This reduces the amount of waste added to our landfills, and also assists in feeding the many hungry children and families in Arlington served by AFAC. Last year, our students saved over **1 TON** of food from the lunchroom garbage and donated it to AFAC!

### How It Works

At the end of lunch, students leave their unopened, whole foods served by the cafeteria (milk, fruit, bagged carrots, yogurts, etc.) on the Food Bus table. At the end of lunch, the food is stored in the Food Bus refrigerator.

### How You Can Help

At the end of each school week, a parent volunteer will collect the food from the Food Bus refrigerator, sort it into bins and deliver the food to AFAC. An AFAC volunteer will weigh the food for us, and we record the number of pounds on our Food Bus chart. The students can track how much food our school donates over the course of the year!

If you can help, please sign up using this link: <http://signup.com/go/wJnawxE>

For more information, feel free to email Jackie Java ([jackie.java@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie.java@yahoo.com)).

Thanks in advance for your support!