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Our annual dining survey during the Fall semester here at Arcadia just ended last month in October. The dining survey took place from October 15th until October 26th and there were a lot of fun ways we wanted interaction from the students because it was a fun way to get the attention of those walking by the Dining Hall or the Chat! So, we incorporated Fall Fest and gave out s'mores' kits, caramel apples and more fun treats if people filled out the survey. We received a lot of feedback from all of you and I wanted to mention three specific things mentioned an overwhelming number of times and give clarification.

One of the recurring responses was that many people wish you can use meal swipes on the grab and go items, well you certainly can!

The Chat and the Global Cafe has Three For Me options for grab and go students and for students who do not have the time to sit down and wait for their order to be completed. It's also an easy way to exchange one meal for three food items to count for a meal swipe! Three For Me offerings typically consist of an entrée (salads, subs, sandwiches, and wraps), side (chips, baked goods, and fruits), and drink for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It is available during select hours throughout the week, but it's most popular during lunch and dinner time!

Another misconception about dining services is that students wish there were gluten free and vegetarian options, we actually do offer those options throughout campus!

The Chat and The Dining Hall has multiple gluten free and plant-based options. At the Chat, we offer gluten free buns for burgers and we have Beyond® burgers as well. We also offer gluten free wraps and right now, our Bravo! station has burritos, burrito bowls and nachos and we have a vegetarian option and offer tofu! At The Dining Hall, the menu changes every day but there is even more variety in gluten free options and vegetarian and vegan options. There are delicious dishes you can try out by stopping by the Dining Hall and checking out their options.

Something super enjoyable was reading all the compliments on the staff and Metz workers! Many people said that employees were their favorite thing about their dining experience which was very nice to read about! A few people said the faculty is very fun and nice and others said they love Ernie from the Dining Hall! Ernie currently does the Smoothie Bar and he is a very popular employee he is always being complimented in the feedback forms so seeing a shoutout on the survey was very nice to see!

Thank you all for filling out the survey! All these changes would not be possible without you! We hope you all enjoyed filling out this semester's survey and we hope to improve your dining experience and hope you got some more clarification on some of the options we offer here!

