



Jolene Queen

# Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Jolene Queen

POSITION: Kitchen Manager

School: Blue Ridge

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 26 years

Q. What are some of the duties and responsibilities you have as kitchen manager?

A. We work very hard at Blue Ridge and I have a great team who supports me. We have six women in the kitchen and we prepare approximately 800 meals daily.

We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, including homestyle prepared meals for preschool. We also make sack lunch meals for students who go on field trips. We offer six specialty programs: supper; four afterschool snack programs; and a fruit and vegetable grant program.

Q. How does the kitchen support teaching and learning?

A. We are here to serve the kids. We treat them as customers and we want them to eat well. We want to make sure they don't go home hungry. We also provide them many choices and a beautiful salad bar. Our programs also helps ensure students receive their daily nutritional needs.

Q. Do you prepare meals from scratch?

A. We always prepare one entrée from scratch. For example, we will roast turkeys and use all the broth and meat for meals like turkey pot pies and turkey & noodles. Anything with a sauce we use the broth and make it from scratch. Nothing is boxed for these scratch meals in our kitchen.

Q. What changes have you seen over the years in food service?

A. I've been in the district 26 years, the last 15 at Blue Ridge and things have changed. We now have a supper program and a fruit and vegetable program. We also have salad bars and we offer three entrees daily where in the past we only served one.

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NOTES:  
Our kids love our food. Our fruit and vegetable grant program allows students to learn about the food they are eating. They receive informational cards about the fruits and vegetables in the program and then we prepare these items to eat.

## Highlights Jolene Queen

I grew up in Walla Walla and graduated from Wahkiakum. I attended Walla Walla Community College.



I married my high school sweetheart. We have two children and three grandchildren who all live in Walla Walla. We are active with our grandkid's sports.

We enjoy white water rafting and hiking.