

## Kramer Elementary gets breakfast grant

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OXFORD — Kramer Elementary is now offering daily breakfast specials thanks to a \$1,000 grant the school received from Action for Healthy Kids.

Kramer was one of the four to six schools chosen for the annual award, said Amy Macechko, Talawanda's health and wellness coordinator.

"Right now we just serve typical breakfast foods, but the grant will allow us to offer a daily special to the kids," said Karen Taylor, the school's food service manager.

Specials will range from breakfast sandwiches to pancakes, Taylor said.

Taylor said Kramer Elementary currently serves breakfast to approximately 170 kids each morning, which is quite an increase from the 30 or so that used the service when it first started.

"The grant will allow us to open up another line at breakfast, increasing the efficiency of service," Taylor said.

In addition to the improvements in Kramer's breakfast service, the \$1,000 grant will also help fund a partnership between Kramer Elementary and Miami University, which will remain in effect for the rest of this school year.

The partnership will involve members of Miami University's Dietetics Association coming to Kramer to help serve breakfast and instruct students about the importance of nutrition and how to get a good balance of all of the food groups on the pyramid.

Taylor and Macechko said that the breakfast grant will be in effect for the remaining 10 weeks of the school year, after which time Ohio Action for Healthy Kids and Kramer Elementary will re-assess the situation.

"We are hoping we will be able to continue with the improvements on our own after the 10 weeks," Taylor said.

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