

Behind The Scenes: Fueling Young Minds to do their Best in School and in Life!

Behind every school meal, there is a team of dedicated people who are largely unseen by parents, students, and staff. As the school year comes to an end please join me in thanking those hard working individuals whose job it is to *Fuel Young Minds to do their Best in School and in Life!*

In our local schools we serve tens of thousands of meals every day. Because children need proper nutrition to grow and learn, feeding our students healthy, well-balanced meals is our top priority. Putting together menus, preparing tasty food, and serving it to hungry kids is a big responsibility and it takes special people to get the job done. Behind every school breakfast and lunch are folks who really care about our students and their education. The members of our Food Service staff may not see the inside of the classroom very often but they do make a daily contribution to the success of our students.

The ultimate goal of school food service is to help students improve their concentration, achieve good test scores, and stay healthy and mentally alert so they are ready to learn. Since research shows that kids who eat well learn better, the people who make this possible are invaluable. We are proud of all of the men and women who work hard to feed our children. From the monitors who supervise the cafeterias to the managers who oversee the day-to-day operations, each person is responsible for providing good food, quality customer service, and a clean and sanitary dining environment.

Did you know that our cafeteria staff members do more than prepare and serve meals? They do many things to make breakfast and lunch time special. Since leisurely lunch periods have all but disappeared from public schools, it is extremely important that our students enjoy their lunch experience to the fullest. To facilitate this we continuously strive to minimize standing in line time. By creating menus that keep the lines moving and setting up condiment stations and salad bars to accommodate more customers, students will have more time to enjoy their food and socialize with their friends. It is also the staff members who decorate the service lines, help to clean up spills, and remind kids to bring in money for their accounts. This is why we have the motto "With Respect and Professionalism, We Serve Education Everyday".

The best way to show your cafeteria staff how much you appreciate them and what they do is to be polite in line. Saying "please" and "thank you" and a smile can go along way in making someone's day!

