



SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE, KEEPING YOU INFORMED...

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...a message from the Director

Thank you for your support with the opportunity to offer free breakfast to **all** students in your school this year. During the first two weeks of our *"Power Up With Breakfast"* Campaign, through the efforts of everyone involved, we have been able to reach over 4,700 additional students per day. We feel fortunate to be in a position to offer a nutritious breakfast at no cost to so many students. We hope this has allowed your students the ability to start their day *fueled up* and *ready to learn* as well as assisted households in a small way with their financial challenges.

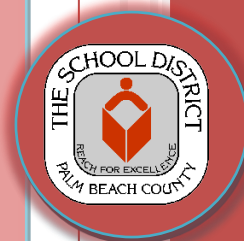
Thank you again for supporting this very important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Bonino

Election Day Treat

In honor of Election Day, our department will be offering a free nutritious treat to every student who purchases a lunch on Monday, November 5, 2012. This treat is a whole grain vanilla cookie that has a piece "Education in Every Bite" from Dick and Jane Educational Snacks. Each cookie features a President and the order in which they served our country. We hope your students enjoy this healthy and educational treat!



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DID YOU KNOW...

- The USDA mandatory verification process for Free and Reduced Priced meal benefits began on October 1, 2012. The School Food Service (SFS) department is required to select a 3% focused sample of the applications on file. This year we selected 1,121 applications. Those selected for verification have been contacted by the School Food Service Central Office to provide appropriate documentation. Any parent who does not provide the appropriate verification documentation by noon on November 1, 2012 will receive a letter explaining that their student meal benefits will be changed to a paid status beginning November 15, 2012.
- As of October 12, 2012 ~ 100,599 students have been approved for free or reduced priced meals. This equates to 7,247 more students receiving benefits this school year compared to last school year.
- As of October 12, 2012 over 33,000 Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications have been successfully submitted online to the SFS department equating to a 8,260 increase from this time last school year. Thank you to everyone who has communicated the online service to parents. The link can be found on the following website: www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs
- If you are planning any lunch schedule changes to accommodate special events such as testing, early release or field days, please contact the School Food Service manager to assist. If the revised time will be prior to 10:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. the SFS department is required to annually obtain a waiver from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Food, Nutrition and Wellness Division.
- The Title 1 report can be found on the SFS department website or be using the following link:
 - <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs/reports/Title1.pdf>

- School Food Service Managers will be attending an all-day In-Service on Friday, October 19, 2012 at Royal Palm Beach High School. This is not a duty day for any School Food Service Assistants and meal service will not be provided at your school.
- A bulletin to all principals is forthcoming that includes School Food Service FY13 FCAT support. It will have information on purchasing FCAT snacks via School Food Service awarded vendors if principals would like to do so.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a variety of appealing and nutritious meals with the purpose of supporting student performance in a safe effective and efficient manner