



# SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE, **KEEPING YOU INFORMED...**

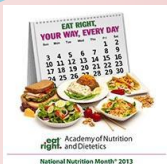
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...a message from the Director

The School Food Service Department is excited to expand the “Farm to School” program in all schools by bringing more locally grown fresh produce to our students. In addition to the fresh corn cobbettes, green beans and squash medley, fresh strawberries were offered to students as a fruit choice in February 2013. The strawberries have been an overwhelming success! Schools have reported the excitement exhibited by their students upon seeing the strawberries. Watch for sweet mini peppers, oranges and grape tomatoes coming soon to your school for your students to enjoy.

Sincerely,

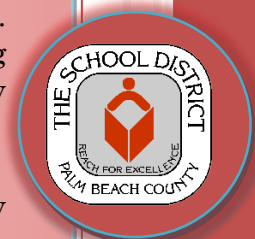
*Steven G. Bonino*



## March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month is an annual nutrition education and information campaign sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly known as the American Dietetic Association) and celebrated in March 2013. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. This year’s theme is: **“EAT Right, Your Way, Every Day”**.

The School Food Service Department supports National Nutrition Month by providing food and nutrition information to the schools as well as sponsoring a health fair in a school.



## *DID YOU KNOW...*

- School Food Service Managers will be attending an all-day In-Service on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Royal Palm Beach High School. This is not a duty day for School Food Service Assistants.
- We want to share with you - The School District of Palm Beach County's *Wellness Promotion Policy (WPP) Annual Report*. On, December 5, 2012 - the District's 6<sup>th</sup> edition - *Wellness Promotion Policy Annual Report* was presented to the School Board and District Leadership. Please share this comprehensive web-based annual report with your Wellness Champion and/or designated Assistant Principal, students, staff, parents, and your own circle of friends. The direct link is as follows: [www.2012wellnessannualreport.com](http://www.2012wellnessannualreport.com) -- This annual report is also available through the District's website on the Students, Parents, Employees and Community pages. *Check it out and enjoy this valuable information!* Additionally an announcement is included in the email to share with school staff and community partners.
- School Food Service is requesting again this year to have the **check-cut-off-day** set for April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please work with your school's administration to determine if this date will work for them or if an earlier date would be better. Please request that they communicate this date to parents in the school newsletters or on the school's marquee.
- School Food Service is celebrating National School Breakfast Week March 4 – 8, 2013. This year's theme is "**Be a Star with School Breakfast**". Many schools will be participating in the celebration by decorating and inviting students to compete in a poster contest. For details please see the cafeteria manager.
- Please continue to work with your school's secretary on the hiring process for School Food Service Assistants. Our payroll support staff in the SFS Central Office were told by Recruitment and Retention that they are not supposed to be managing this process. Your secretary is responsible for the posting of positions to include offering of the position and scheduling NEO. For additional information please refer to bulletin number P-13541-COS/COO.

- Power Up With Breakfast #2 pencils will be provided to all School Food Service Managers at the February 19, 2013 in-service. Schools will receive enough pencils to provide one to each student who will be participating in FCAT. School Food Service Managers are being asked to bring the pencils to their administration for appropriate distribution.
- The Principal's Review of School Food Service Managers is due by February 28, 2013. Once again this year it can be found in **eForms** in the School Food Service Folder. We thank all principals who have already submitted the form and look forward to receiving the rest by the end of the month. Please see bulletin #P-14508-CAO/COO/SFS for additional information.
- Beginning February 20, 2013 the School Food Service Equipment Team will begin visiting schools to hang frames for our **Power Up With Breakfast** campaign posters and the **Farm To School** initiative posters. Please work with your administration to determine the best location in the serving line or cafeteria for these frames to be hung. The technician will be checking with the School Food Service Manager or Assistants as to the location prior to beginning work.

## 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*