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KEEPING YOU INFORMED...

A message from the Director...

We are happy to announce that on December 17, 2013 the School Food Service (SFS) Department launched its redesigned website. This site was designed with parents in mind and we believe it provides needed information in a more organized fashion.

As part of the redesign, our department is excited to announce a new partnership with Nutrislice. Through Nutrislice, the District's menus are published online, allowing users to receive menu information as well as have access to specific information about each item that is being offered including photos, descriptions, nutritional facts, and allergen information.

Additionally, our site contains information on Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications, meal accounts including online prepayments and meal history, special dietary needs, and much more. We are hopeful that our new site contains pertinent information for parents and students.

- New SFS website: www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any suggestions for our site. We are always looking for ways to improve. *Thank you!*

Sincerely,

Allison Monbleau

Valentine's Day Customer Appreciation

On Friday, February 14, 2014 students who come through the serving line and receive a meal will also be receiving a customer appreciation gift from the cashiers. Hartzel pretzels will be provided at no cost to students. The pretzels will also be available for sale at \$0.25 for staff or students who do not select a meal. We hope this will be a special day in the cafeteria for the student.

DID YOU KNOW...

- School Food Service Managers will be attending an all-day In-Service on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Royal Palm Beach Community 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, January 8, 2014 - the District's 7th 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.palmbeachschools.org/annualreport/2013wellness/index.html
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!*
- School Food Service Department is requesting again this year to have the **check-cut-off-day** set for Friday, April 11, 2014. SFS Managers will be working with school administration to determine if this date will work 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.
- Our SFS Department is also celebrating National School Breakfast Week March 3 – 7, 2014. This year's theme is **“Take Time for 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 SFS Manager.
- A Power Up With Breakfast banner is being provided to each SFS Manager at the February 18, 2014 in-service. We are asking each of them to work with administration to determine the best location to hang the banners in order to market our School Breakfast Program to parents and students.

- Power Up With Breakfast #2 pencils will be provided to all SFS Managers at the February 18, 2014 in-service. Schools will receive enough pencils to provide one to each student in elementary and middle schools and one to each tenth grader. SFS 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 Friday, February 28, 2014. 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.
- Kindergarten Round-Up and Step Up Days – the SFS Department has developed a kit to assist schools in their kindergarten round-up and step up day events. The kits contain program information that we believe would be useful to parents and students as they enter into their new school. A survey will be sent out to SFS Managers at the end of February where they will be able to request these kits. It is our hope that the SFS Manager or a staff member would be able to participate in the schools' events to share our services to parents and students. SFS Managers will be discussing these events with administration to determine if participation is feasible.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

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