



## Glassboro School District

### September 2014 Monthly Update



#### Rodgers

Rodgers School started the school year with students coming through the line on the first day of school. Having the students come through on first day is a good way to teach them properly how to go through the lunch lines both for breakfast and lunch. There is a new cashier at the Rodgers School. Danyel Middlebrook is fitting in well with current Nutri-Serve staff as well as the Rodgers School staff. September 10<sup>th</sup> was Rodgers Back to School Night. There were a few parents that did ask about pre-payments and how to pay online.

#### Bullock

The new incoming first graders were well versed on coming through the line for both breakfast and lunch. This made the start to the new school year easier for both Nutri-Serve staff as well as Bullock School staff. Breakfast participation is doing very well at the Bullock School. The Bullock School has started the school year with two new employees. Simon Alison is the new cook at Bullock School. He comes with a culinary degree as well as a local catering business owner. Matt Juliano has been transferred from the Intermediate School to the Bullock School. He is working in the dish room as well as helping with any kitchen needs. He is a great fit to the kitchen and enjoys working at Bullock School. September 29<sup>th</sup> was Back to School Night. October menus were on hand for parents to take home. A new steamer was installed on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The old steamer was in the school since it was built 22 years. We were unable to repair old unit as parts became outdated. Replacement was the only option for this unit.

#### Bowe

The Bowe School started the school year with no personnel changes. The incoming fourth graders were well educated on how the cafeteria lines work for both breakfast and lunch. There was an easy transition to the new school year. On September 16<sup>th</sup> Beth Clark had a focus group with the following students- Madison Ragsdale, Deyona Cook, Paul McAllister, Melka McDonald, Jessmarie Quinones and Mohamed Abdullrahma. Ron Ferraro also attended the focus group. The students asked questions about the program involving the day to day operations as well as what goes on behind the scenes. They gave their likes and dislikes for food choices. It was a good meeting getting to know more of the students. September 16<sup>th</sup> was Bowe Back to School Night. Most questions from parents were about ordering meals the same way as Bullock. The parents I spoke to are happy with then program and allow their students to get more Ala Carte items.

## Intermediate

The Intermediate School started the school year with Kysha Russell as new cook. She previously cooked at the Rodgers School. Tasha Carr has become a permanent employee from being a sub last school year. The Nutri-Serve staff and school staff is doing very well getting the students through the lines quickly. The incoming seventh graders did have a new transition as they now pay at the time of service and not turn in money to teacher. This seems to have flowed easily and there were no issues with them starting the school year with this process. September 15<sup>th</sup> was Intermediate Back to School Night. Many parents at this grade level are know to Beth Clark so most questions were asking if the program is the same as Bowe School. They were happy to find out that is was the same Nutri-Serve company through the district.

## High School

The High School has had the biggest transition change of the new school year. The High School is doing a unit lunch. The Nutri-Serve staff has gone through the transition very well. They have adapted to the new schedule and enjoyed the changes made to the school. There have been personnel changes in the High School. The High School is currently going through more personnel changes. These changes are to get the best staff in place to keep the unit lunch running smoothly and to increase participation. There were many meetings with both Nutri-Serve staff as well as Dr. Sneathen and district staff to prepare for the changes. There have been meetings both casual chats and scheduled to see what works and what doesn't. This new unit lunch will go through changes as it evolves to do what we can to get participation to go up. The library is now an option for students to purchase lunch as well as Ala Carte items. September 22<sup>nd</sup> was High School Back to School Night. The questions most parents had been about time of eating for unit lunch. Once the parents understood the time frame of the lunch service they seemed more comfortable with the transition.

## District

The two satellite programs that Nutri-Serve provides lunches for has maintained business in September. As well as the one satellite that has after school milk & juice provided in both Rodgers and Bullock Schools. September 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Teacher In-Serve. Nutri-Serve provided a continental breakfast for the entire district staff. September 10<sup>th</sup> Beth Clark had her first Cooks meeting. This will be a monthly meeting with cooks in the district to go over the next month's menu. September 17<sup>th</sup> dinner was provided by Nutri-Serve for Committee Meeting. September 23<sup>rd</sup> dinner was providing by Nutri-Serve for the monthly Board Meeting. September 30<sup>th</sup> Nutri-Serve provided dinner for the poll workers for the Bond Referendum voting.