

# Clementon School District

March 2016 Monthly Update

## Lights, Camera, ACTION!

### INTRODUCING... Nutri-Serve's First Film- "How To Buy Lunch"

Nutri-Serve has created a movie teaching students how to buy lunch!

#### THE EDUCATION:

The 7 minute movie begins with Nutri-Serve's Corporate Registered Dietitian, Kristen Mueller, introducing Nutri-Serve's nutrition education concept Balloons for a Balanced Lunch. She also goes through Nutri-Serve's tips for making a balanced lunch tray.

#### THE ACTION:

Kristen walks through the serving line explaining menu choices and choosing a balanced lunch tray. She then carries her tray to the cashier and shows students how to scan their finger or type a code into a pin pad.



#### What we hope will result in showing this video to students & parents:

1. **Greater Understanding:** This movie educates students and parents on the USDA's school lunch food groups (Nutri-Serve's Balloons for a Balanced Lunch) and what must be chosen to make a reimbursable meal by USDA standards.
2. **Increased Participation:** We hope that parents will see what a deal the school lunch truly is and how much food is included if you choose it.
3. **Clarity in the Buying Process:** The prospect of purchasing the school lunch can be overwhelming for young students. We hope to make the buying lunch less scary and more fun!
4. **Role Modeling:** We hope that Kristen role modeling choosing a balanced tray will encourage students to follow suit!

*The movie can be posted on your school website, shown on smart boards in classrooms, or used as part of a mock lunch (a practice lunch for incoming students to learn the process). We are currently working on the best ways to disseminate the movie. Contact your Food Service Director if you are interested in access to this movie.*

## March Fun Days (Highlighted on Menu)

### **March 1: Dr. Seuss Day!**

On March 1st, we served a Dr. Seuss themed lunch of Green Eggs & Ham! Those who purchased green eggs and ham received a bag of 1 fish, 2 fish Goldfish Crackers as their grain.



### **March 17: St. Patrick's Day!**

On St. Patrick's Day, the main entrée was Pot' O Popcorn Chicken served with cheesy broccoli rice. As a treat students who purchased lunch received a cup of Lucky Green Jell-O!

### **March 23: SpongeBob Day!**

"Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?" - SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS! On March 23rd, we celebrated one of our favorite under sea characters. Lunch featured a crabby patty (cheeseburger), Mr. Crab Fries (Old Bay Fries), Sponge cake (because SpongeBob is a sponge!), and pineapple (because he lives in a pineapple under the sea)!



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# March 2016 Happenings!



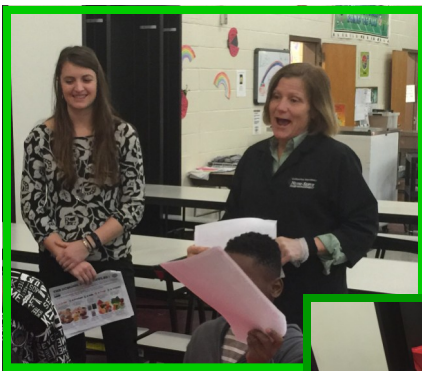
March is National Nutrition Month and Cathy Macaluso, Food Service Director planned a Nutrition Activity with Nutri Serve's Corporate Dietician, Kristen Mueller. We met with a sixth grade health class and conducted a Menu Planning-Taste Test activity on Thursday, March 31st. The students enjoyed the samples especially the 100% fruit slushies. They learned how the school lunch regulations are similar to the USDA MY Plate Food Model and were able to plan a sample menu.

## Check out what's cooking in Your School District!

Kristen Mueller, Nutri Serve Corporate Dietician and Cathy Macaluso Food Service Director present Nutrition Education Activity for National Nutrition month.

## INTRODUCING Asian Chicken Salad

Entrée Salads are offered daily to the students as a Lunch Choice. The Asian chicken Salad features chicken, broccoli, mandarin oranges, and chow mein noodles on a bed of lettuce. *KEN'S* Asian Sesame Dressing is offered on the side.



Please Detach and Return to Food Service Director

### We Want Your Opinion:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information on: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to suggest: \_\_\_\_\_

I am concerned about: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Lynn DiPietrolo, Superintendent  
Clementon School District  
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**SUBJECT: 2016-2017 One-Year Program Plan Update and Budget Statement Approval**

Dear Ms. DiPietrolo:

As requested by the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE), the Clementon School District submitted a proposed 2016-2017 One-Year Preschool Program Plan update and Budget Statement for review. This letter serves as notice that the DECE approves the district's plan update and budget statement.

As described in your 2016-2017 state aid notice, the Clementon School District will receive \$113,659 in Preschool Education Aid (PEA). This amount was calculated using a formula that includes the district's October 15, 2015 Application for State School Aid submission. With this and other funding, the district indicates that it will serve 28 half-day general education preschool children in 2016-2017. Please note that PEA is intended to fund only general education students. Preschoolers with disabilities, regardless of whether they are served in self-contained or inclusive settings, are supported through the district's special education funding.

PEA is based upon your approved projected enrollment and may be subject to change pending the actual enrollment figures for the school year. Any changes in configuration of the way that preschool children are served within the school district's delivery system must receive written approval from the DECE. Note that changes in configuration (e.g., going from a full-day to a half-day program) will also impact funding.

The Division of Early Childhood Education will continue to provide professional development and technical assistance geared toward implementing high-quality preschool programming. Based on the information provided in your plan update, our office will also provide individualized technical assistance in the area of:

- **Curriculum Fidelity:** The use of commercially available, supplementary programs, including Foundations curriculum is not endorsed by the department. The comprehensive

preschool curriculum, chosen in consultation with the department, addresses each of these areas and should be used with fidelity by the school district.

We wish you and your staff continued success in the implementation of your preschool programs, and we look forward to working with you during the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Vaughan at (609) 777- 2088.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Wolock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ellen" and the last name "Wolock" clearly distinguishable.

Ellen Wolock, Ed.D., Administrator  
Division of Early Childhood Education

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