

# **Clementon School District**

May & June 2016 Monthly update



# Thank You For Your Partnership In Another Successful School Year!

As we conclude school year 2015-2016, we reflect on the accomplishments that took place within Nutri-Serve Food Management.

## **Breakfast is Booming!**

Breakfast participation has increased in many of our districts which we attribute to additional marketing and some delicious new products. At Clementon, we saw a 10% increase in Breakfast meals served compared with last year. This is in large part due to the new menu that was introduced in October. We offer the students six of their favorite options daily. Not only are these choices favored by the students, but they are healthy too. These items feature whole grains, higher fiber, higher protein, and

lower fat than items that could be purchased in a supermarket or bakery. These products were designed for schools and have attained the USDA's Child Nutrition (CN) seal of approval.

## Awards & Recognition

Nutri-Serve Food Management was selected as "PARTNER OF THE YEAR" by the NJ Business Administrators Association for our work in assisting with their June Scholarship Golf Tournaments in Burlington, Camden & Gloucester Counties for the last 3 years. Nutri-Serve has always worked to deliver excellent service and develop longstanding relationships with our clients. We thank the members of the NJ Business Administrators Association for their support and recognition in selecting Nutri-Serve for this award!

#### **New Team Members**

As we continue to grow as a company we have added several corporate staff members to support and grow our employees in the districts we serve.

#### **REGINA PAUL:**

Regina is our new Director of Human Resources with over 15 years experience in Human Resources. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Management from Chestnut Hill College, Master's Degree from Holy Family University and recently completed a second Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior from Albright College.

#### **JOE TURPIE:**

Joe is our Director of Business Development. Joe is a former trainer for US FOODS who is our main food supplier. Joe is assisting in writing budgets & proposals. His past experience in food service management, CELEBRATING computer technical skills and experience in purchasing and procurement supports our growth and development as a company.

We now move forward into our 30th year expanding to serve 93 districts (including satellite schools) in the South Jersey, Central Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania Area.

Fun Days (Highlighted on Menu)

#### May 5: Cinco De Mayo!

On Cinco De Mayo, we served Nachos Grande with a Tres (3) layer dip cup featuring salsa, Black Beans and shredded Cheddar Cheese.

#### **May 27: Memorial Day Treat!**

On the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend each student who purchased the school lunch received a patriotic parfait featuring blue and red Jell-O with whipped topping.

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# May & June 2016 Happenings!



During this short month, the kitchen was decorated with "summer' and "graduation" items. The staff did an excellent job of cleaning and storing in preparation for the summer break.

Our final financial report shows that the Food Service Program met its budgetary goals. Careful attention to food, supply and labor costs helped achieve this success.



### FRESH BAKED COOKIES!

The kitchen prepares fresh baked cookies daily. They are made with whole grains and are reduced fat. The students love them as an a la carte snack option.

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

#### KRAZY KALE SALAD

Through out the school year, a variety of fresh and cooked vegetables are offered. The students were encouraged to try Kale Salad made with fresh chopped kale, carrots, and red cabbage with a flavorful oriental dressing.



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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Jennifer and Nicholas Sapio 66 Palethorpe Ave Clementon, NJ 08021

Clementon Board of Education 4 Audubon Ave. Clementon, NJ 08021

Dear Clementon Board of Education,

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Dragon, my daughter's kindergarten teacher, and your decision not to renew her contract. Ms. Dragon has done an excellent job educating our daughter, Molly Sapio. Molly is reading and writing above grade level, but more importantly she had a positive school experience while being in Ms. Dragon's class. Studies have shown the significance of having an affirmative experience during the early childhood years and how it can impact a child's future education. The following was taken from the website,

http://www.parentingscience.com/student-teacher-relationships.html:

Kids who experience high quality student-teacher relationships in the early years have fewer behavior problems. They show more engagement in the classroom (Hamre and Piata 2001; Rudasill et al 2010; Wu et al 2010; Hughes et al 2012), and better performance, too: Studies of verbal skills have found that positive student-teacher relationships have modest, positive effects on early language development (Spilt et al 2015; Schmitt et al 2012; Maldonado-Carreño and Votruba-Drzal 2011).

I feel that these positive experiences in an early childhood setting such as kindergarten are invaluable, I also believe that they are immeasurable even when using evaluation scales such as those written by Marzano or Danielson. Please, reconsider your position on the non-renewal of Ms. Dragon.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Ognissanti 24 Smith Terrace Clementon, NJ 08021

Board of Education 4 Audubon Ave Clementon, NJ 08021

RE: Mrs. Dragon

Dear Board of Education Members,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff at Clementon Elementary for their commitment to education and the outstanding care given to the children of this community.

My children and grandchildren will have many memories to cherish from the loving encouragement and support our teachers and staff have respectfully facilitated over the years while meeting the needs of young and thirsty minds within our diverse community. This being said I am sure you will understand completely the reason for this letter and my disapproval of your decision not to renew Gail Dragons contract for the next school year.

Mrs. Dragon is an example of the quality leadership, diversity and professionalism that is a credit to our schools staff. Her teaching and character building dedication to the students is bar none. She should be getting an achievement letter of accomplishment and accommodation instead of fired for her faith and beliefs. As a Christian growing up in a Jewish community as a child, I learned how important it is to have respect and consideration for traditional holidays that are grounded in faith. I believe there should be some clemency with regard to these dates that are not always celebrated exactly at the same time each year.

I sincerely hope this letter will empower your reconsideration and the renewal of Gail Dragons contract as a credit to her dedication and outstanding service. Her ability to consider others and promote charity despite degradation depicts perfectly her ethical standards and dedication to higher standards with her colleagues and as a teacher in this community.

Sincerely,

Pat Ognissanti

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## **Post Travel Report**

Employee Name: Joanne E. Clement

Date(s) of Travel Event: June 8 - 10, 2016

Type of Travel Event – Convention

Location - Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ

Name or Title of Event - New Jersey School Business Officials Spring Conference

The primary purpose of attending the NJASBO Spring Conference was to seek updated information and guidance with respect to current laws, regulations, and "best" practices. Attendance at this conference provided an excellent opportunity to network and share ideas and business strategies with other school financial officers. The three day conference included numerous clinics on a wide range of topics including but not limited to:

- a. Green Purchasing-Sustainable Practice for New Jersey Districts
- b. New Jersey Ethics
- c. Pension Update
- d. Legal Issues
- e. Public School Purchasing
- f. Facilitating Positive Performance
- g. School Security
- h. Woman's Conference
- i. Reporting on DRTRS (transportation reporting)

The information learned and the professional exchange of ideas and business strategies will assist in reviewing, updating, and improving the business operations of the Clementon Board of Education.

Signed Janus Ellement Date: 6/14/2016

hank you for chaosing me as the recipient of it scholarship. I'm extremely gratiful and I may that the money will be accepted very helpful a continuing my education.

Sincerely,

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