

May Newsletter

Comstock Park Food Service Department



Food Service has a lot to be thankful for in May. This month we get to celebrate some of our amazing staff members here at Comstock Park. May 1st is School Principal Day. We would like to say a huge thank you to the principals for always including food service. Thank you for working with us so our students receive the best education and nutritious meals to fuel their day. May 6-10th Teacher Appreciation Week. Food Service would like to say a huge thank you for all of their dedication, hard work and love that they give everyday to our students. May 8th is School Nurse Day. It has been such a pleasure to work with our school nurse Karis. She is so helpful navigating students with allergy and medical needs. May 3rd is my favorite day, School Lunch Hero Day! Throughout the school year, these heroes of the cafeteria are dedicated to making mealtime a bright spot in every student's day, ensuring kids throughout Comstock Park Public Schools are served nourishing meals. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the food service staff for going above and beyond every single day. To celebrate #schoolLunchHeroDay, let's give a shout-out to all of our heroes sharing their passion and making cafeterias a happy place for students. To mark School Lunch Hero Day this year, Chartwells is sending every associate a special gift as a tribute to their superhero status and dedication to serving up happy and healthy.



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Events & Fun Days to Look Forward to this Month

- May 1st – School Principal Day
- May 3rd – National School Lunch Hero Day
- May 8th – National Nurses Day
- May 6-10th – National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13th – Hummus Day
- May 14th – National Buttermilk Biscuit Day
- May 16th – National BBQ Day
- May 17th – National Pizza Party Day
- May 27th – Memorial Day No School

Comstock Park's Food Service Webpage is a great source to find all the information you may need from menus, how to add money to children's accounts, free and reduced applications, meal charging policy, meal prices, school wellness and so much more.

<https://www.cppschoools.com/district/departments/food-service/>



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Summer fun brings the excitement of outdoor picnics and cook outs inside to the cafeteria! Students will enjoy summer themed recipes and toppings to pull in a variety of flavors that enhance everyday ordinary meals. A variety of Summer Fun recipes ranging from delicious picnic style sides to grill themed items featuring a variety of toppings top off the flavors of Summer! Summer Fun recipes are designed to extend outside of the cafeteria and provide students with fun recipes that they can make themselves and enjoy with friends and family at cookouts, picnics and any other celebration.



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

National School Lunch Hero day is May 3rd, 2023. In 2021, Chartwells introduced the Cheers program to recognize associates and teams making the difference for our students and communities. Building on the local, district, and regional recognition throughout the year, every region nominated a School Lunch Hero of the Year for their unwavering dedication to serving up happy and healthy and living our values everyday. Between preparing healthy meals for America's students, adhering to the strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering a service with a smile, THEY are truly the heroes. Everyday they are an inspiration and we are honored to celebrate LUNCH HEROS on May 3rd.



Michele Kingsley



Michele is the lead at Mill Creek Middle School Kitchen. She is the first one to come in every morning and the last one to leave. Michele is always looking for new recipes and food options to serve her students. Her dedication to her job, students, and team are an inspiration to us all. Your hard work day in and day out doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for taking such good care of our students!

Darcy Hood



Darcy works at Stoney Creek Kitchen along with other areas throughout the school. She is dedicated to taking care of our students. Darcy's continuous positivity is like a ray of sunshine. Her cheerful outlook and can-do attitude not only brighten everyone's day but also inspires others to approach obstacles with optimism. Thank you for all your hard work and for spreading positive energy to our students and team!

A Reason to Celebrate!

May 1st – School Principal Day

Janet Dellaria, a teacher from Michigan, backed by many teachers associations, decided to dedicate a day to celebrate these educational leaders of schools and spread awareness of the importance of their role.

May 3rd – School Lunch Hero Day

School Lunch Hero Day was created by a partnership between the School Nutrition Association, and children's author Jarrett Krosoczka—the author of a number of picture books including the "Lunch Lady" series. The first day this holiday was celebrated was on May 4, 2012, and it's a day that's been celebrated on the first Friday in May every year since.

May 8th – National Nurses Day -

On this day, we raise awareness of all nurse contributions and commitments and acknowledge the vital role nurses play in society. This day is also the first day of National Nurses Week and is sometimes known as National RN Recognition Day.

May 6-10th – National Teacher's Appreciation Week

The National Education Association describes National Teacher Week "as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives."

May 13th – Hummus Day

Every year on May 13th, hummus lovers unite to celebrate International Hummus Day. The day also spreads awareness for this delicious food that's considered a cross-cultural phenomenon. Hummus is an Arabic word that means chickpea.

May 16th – National BBQ Day

The origins of barbecue seem to lay with the indigenous Haitians encountered by the Spanish when Columbus first arrived.

May 27th – Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military