



Tupelo Public Schools Food Services Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TPSD—where new beginnings, fresh notebooks, and familiar faces set the stage for a great year ahead! As we dive into learning and growing together, let’s not forget the unsung heroes of our daily routine: the cafeteria workers. They nourish our bodies with care, keep the lunch lines moving with grace, and create a warm, welcoming space for everyone. Their dedication ensures students have the energy and comfort to thrive throughout the day. A heartfelt thank you to those who serve with a smile—you make a bigger impact than you know. At our 2025-2026 Orientation, we celebrated our employees that had perfect attendance. Pictured are Mark Thomas from Joyner Elementary, Dennis Willard from Rankin Elementary and Glendora Wofford from Thomas St. Elementary. They were awarded \$100 each for their efforts. Also pictured is Mary Ann Griggs, recipient of our Best Practices award for Managers. We are looking forward to a great year serving smiles each and every day!



Get Ready to Dip'n to Flavor!

This fall, students can dive into bold new tastes with *Dip'n to Flavor!*—a limited-time cafeteria promotion inspired by trending TikTok flavors. Featuring craveable, student-approved dips like Honey Buffalo, Korean BBQ, Chimichurri Ranch, and Sriracha Honey Mustard, it's all about dip'n, snack'n, and lov'n!



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GLOBAL EATS: CHINA

The school cafeteria is often one of the first places a child gets to taste and learn about foods from outside their family's recipes or traditional cultural dishes. Highlighting the unique ingredients and authentic flavors from cuisines around the world, Tupelo Public Schools Child Nutrition Program and its foodservice partner Chartwells K12 have launched a program called "Global Eats," bringing a world of flavors to the cafeteria. The program takes students on a food exploration that celebrates cultural heritages, traveling through China, India, Italy, Mexico, Korea, and the Caribbean. This month, we will explore China.

Global Eats



GLOBAL EATS AT TUPELO HIGH

Chef Joe Wallace of the Tupelo School District is shown here delighting students with flavorful samples of Chinese cuisine as part of the district's upgraded dining experience. Tupelo High students are enjoying Asian-inspired dishes Teriyaki Chicken Dumplings, Vegetarian Egg Rolls, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Ginger Rice with an Orange Garlic Chili Sauce.

This culinary upgrade is part of a broader initiative to move beyond traditional cafeteria fare and introduce students to fresh, visually appealing meals that spark excitement and engagement. Chef Wallace's contributions help elevate the cafeteria into a space where students can explore new tastes while still receiving nutritious, balanced meals. It's a delicious way to make lunchtime something to look forward to.

MORE FUN WITH GLOBAL EATS AT THS

THS students enjoying a taste of China!



Lunch and Global Eats...might need a nap soon!



Teriyaki Chicken Potsticker, Egg Roll, Stir-Fry Vegetables with Ginger Brown Rice!



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