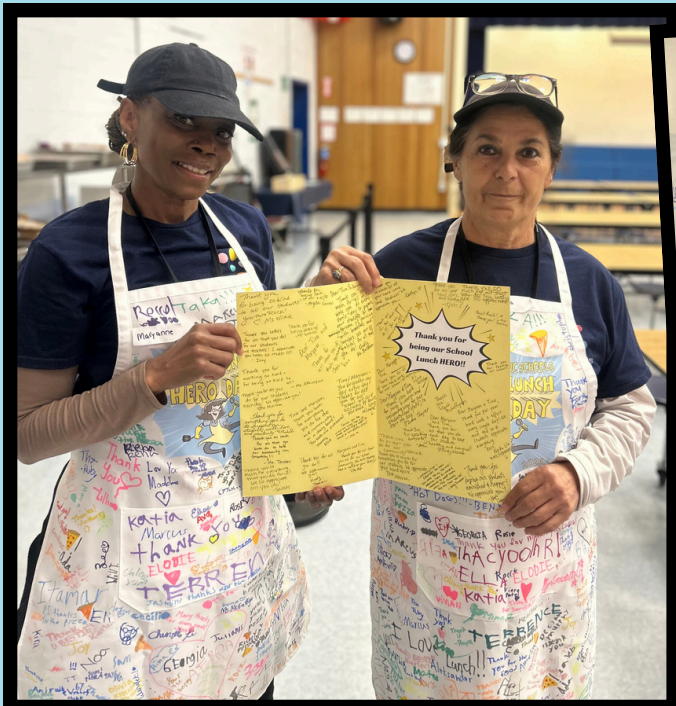


NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY



Employees were completely surprised by their aprons, each featuring their name and messages of gratitude from their school community. Together, Newton's food service team serves more than 5,000 meals each day, helping ensure students have access to nutritious meals that support learning and well-being. We are grateful for their dedication to the students of Newton.

On May 1, Newton Public Schools celebrated National School Lunch Hero Day, recognizing the dedicated food service employees who nourish students every day. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, students and staff at every school secretly signed personalized aprons and oversized cards with messages of appreciation for each food service employee.



Foodie FEST

This month, Newton Public Schools joined the Chartwells *Foodie Fest* initiative by introducing exciting new recipes that brought bold flavors and fresh ingredients to our cafeterias. Students at the middle and high school levels enjoyed several exciting Foodie Fest offerings this month, including a homemade falafel crafted with chickpeas and fresh herbs, a beef or chicken gyro topped with scratch-made tzatziki sauce, and a Korean-style hot dog served with gochujang sauce and kimchi. These chef-inspired dishes encouraged students to explore new flavors while showcasing the creativity and culinary talent of our food service team.



MOOD BOOST at Franklin Elementary School!



Every Thursday, students at Franklin Elementary participate in the Mood Boost program, where they sample nutritious recipes while learning about the connection between food and well-being. Each week features a different *Moody Monster*, a character representing a specific mood or emotion. Recent tastings have included spaghetti squash, blueberry salsa, and spinach strawberry salad.

Through engaging discussions, students explore healthy habits, learn how nutritious foods can support their well-being, and actively participate by sharing ideas and asking questions. The program continues to make nutrition education both fun and memorable!



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