



# Food for Thought

September 2010

## From the Director...



The Nutrition Services Department is off to another good start for the new school year. Our General Meeting was filled with enthusiasm and a Team Spirit with rally shouts from the Elementary Staff...**"One Team"**, Middle School Staff...**"One Goal"**, and High School Staff...**"No Limits"**! We welcomed the following new managers to the NSD:

**Brandon Jahnke**, Carver Middle School, **Judy Daugherty**, Study Middle School, **Janet Hanak**, Delaware Elementary, **Mischel Leavitt**, Jeffries Elementary, and **Robin Pepper**, Weaver Elementary. Dr. Ridder, Scott Wendt, Parker McKenna, and Jeff Rogers greeted the staff with encouraging words as we recognized our schools with Perfect Health Inspections, and the following staff members with Perfect Attendance for 2009-2010:

**Beverly Bebout**, **Patty Bookout**, **Barbara Burk**, **Donna Dimmitt**, **Linda Finney**, **Theresa Gallagher**, **Ann Haines**, **Carol Hickman**, **Christine Johanning**, **Barbara Kennon**, **Shannon Kinney**, **Pat Lock**, **Sharon Miller**, **Debbie Morris**, **Elena Ocarz**, and **Jean Willis**.

For the 3rd year we selected an employee as the **Employee of the Year** (article on back). This year **Marvel Bethurem** from Central High School received the honor.

The theme we selected for this year is...

**"One Team...One Goal...No Limits"**

and our staff training emphasis will be on **Better Communication**. We are so proud of our staff and are certainly looking forward to another successful year of serving the students of Springfield Public Schools.

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Left to right: Sam & Will Goode

## Sam & Will...

McBride Elementary Kindergartners, **Sam & Will Goode**, (twins) think school lunches are REALLY GOOD! The first day of school **Will** came home and enthusiastically shared with his mother that the school **Tacos** were great!

Having been in school for threes weeks now the boys have acquired a more seasoned palate along with the expansion of their favorite dining delights. **Sam** is very partial to our **Corndogs** and **Will** is loving our **Pizza**. We look forward to occasionally checking in with **Sam & Will** to gauge the success of our menus, get their opinions on how we can improve, and to keep a check on the nutritional needs of two Springfield Public School kindergartners.

### Mission

*To provide nutritious meals which meet the needs of students' academic and physical well-being.*

# Marvel Bethurem Employee of the Year!



Out of almost 300 employees in the Nutrition Services Department, we have selected our 3<sup>rd</sup> Employee of the Year. Each month during the school year, our staff in the schools nominates one of their peers for employee of the month. Each month 3 are selected for the monthly award and featured in our newsletter. At the end of the year, the Nutrition Services office reviews the 27 award recipients and selects the Employee of the Year.

Our first Employee of the Year was Barbara Burk, manager at Watkins Elementary.



Barb has more than 35 years of employment with the school district.

The second recipient was Vicki Hines, manager at Central High School. Vicki also supervises the Catering Department for the school district and oversees the satellite operation for several cafeteria locations.

Vicki Hines, manager at Central High School.



This year's **Employee of the Year** is extremely close to her family of two sons, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. They have all kinds of festivities going on all summer, but she is always so anxious to return to work in August. She always comes to work with a smile on her face and her dedication to her position and the students' sporting activities and them on.

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She worked at a restaurant on north Glenstone for 13 years and then purchased it and operated the business for twelve years. She sold the business and retired to travel with her husband, Morris. After a year of retirement, it was time to get back to work. The school district hired her in 1995 and she was the pastry cook at Truman Elementary.

She also worked at Watkins Elementary and is currently at Central High.

**Congratulations to this year's Employee of the Year, Marvel Bethurem**