

Your School Nutrition Staff are taking a much needed break.

During the school year, these employees (currently all but one are lunch ladies) lift cases of food products which weigh, on average, 40 pounds...every day...many times during the day. Their work environment can be hot or freezing, wet, tiring on hard tile, and can be "back breaking". They wash their hands so many times that during the winter their hands are red and chapped.

Your School Nutrition Staff don't get to wear the latest fashions, don't get to wear nail polish during the week, and don't wear pretty jewelry. In exchange for the list of items they don't get to wear, they do get to wear shoes which are slip resistant and they get to wear hairnets (aren't you jealous)!

Your School Nutrition Staff aren't paid the "big bucks"—many are paid only slightly above minimum wage. They don't work eight hour days, but they do get to enjoy most of the summer as well as most days that students are off.

BUT, most importantly, your School Nutrition Staff perform an unbelievably important task: they ensure that your child is offered a nutritious, SAFE, temperature appropriate meal in a social environment. Without your School Nutrition Staff, our students would be missing a vital addition to their school day—we've all seen how student behavior changes when a student is hungry.

Hungry children don't learn well.

Thank a lunchroom lady/guy if you know one!