

# SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

Danville Public Schools - to Honor the School Lunch Heroes Serving Healthy Meals



## ***Celebrating School Lunch Hero Day on May 5, 2023***

Danville, Virginia - Between preparing delicious food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Danville Public Schools nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Danville Public Schools will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on May 5. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by The School Nutrition Association and Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the “Lunch Lady” graphic novel series. School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to nearly 30 million of America’s students each school day. All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored and recognized by students, school staff, parents, and the community.

“School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hardworking heroes for their dedication to fueling our students for success,” said Kimberly Foster Mims, Director.

Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats. The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.

*The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 50,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. To find out more about today’s school meals, visit [www.schoolnutrition.org/SchoolMeals](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/SchoolMeals).*

