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Eating Healthy Every Day!



Serafina
SMITH

Ms. Serafina Smith has over 30 years of experience working with the Department of Food and Nutrition at Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She has proudly devoted her career to nourishing students and supporting school communities through healthy, delicious, and balanced meals. Throughout her journey, she has served at multiple schools including Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and for the past 20 years, she has been the Food Service Manager at Charles David Wyche Jr. Elementary School.



She currently assists with the operations of her satellite school, Miami Gardens Elementary and in the past, she was the base manager for Robert Renick Educational Center and Skyway Elementary School. She always ensures that all students receive the same quality care and nutrition. She takes great pride in serving healthy breakfast, lunch and after-school meals for students. She also participates in the fresh fruit and vegetable program biweekly, which introduces students to help promote healthy eating habits beyond the cafeteria environment.





Another milestone Serafina celebrated was collaborating with the nonprofit organization Common Threads, which brought hands-on cooking and nutrition education directly into our school cafeterias. Under this initiative, students engaged in cooking lessons, and Ms. Smith proudly served as an apprentice and mentor alongside professional chefs. This program left a lasting impact on our school community and reinforced her belief in the importance of teaching children the value of healthy eating. Over the years, she has been honored to receive visits and recognition from district leadership, including former Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, for the quality of service and innovation brought to our cafeterias. Her leadership style is rooted in respect, teamwork, and encouragement. As she continues her journey, she remains deeply committed to serving with honor, energy, and charisma.

As her Food Service Supervisor, Ms. Magnus stated, “When I joined the team and began working with Ms. Smith, I ultimately praised her ability to multitask and assist staff as needed. She manages her time very well and we have collaborated with neighboring managers to provide support for cafeteria operations. It’s an honor for me to highlight Ms. Smith and I am excited to say that she has been a great leader at Charles Wyche Elementary and for the community!”

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