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Tammie ALFONSO

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We would like to introduce you to a very special person who wears many hats. She is a daughter, wife, sister, mother, and grandmother; now, she is also our May Manager Spotlight.

As the proud mother of two sons and grandmother of three, Food Service Manager of Cypress K-8 Tammie Alfonso, has masterfully balanced her family roles with the demands of management. Her schedule—which includes having nights, weekends, and holidays off—has allowed her to be present for every important milestone in her family’s lives.

Tammie is the kind of manager who inspires everyone around her. She always has a smile on her face, and whenever you need her, she is right beside you. Her staff, students, teachers, and principal all agree: “She is the light on those dark days.”



Tammie's career began in January 1994, as a general worker at Royal Palm Elementary School. From there, she transitioned to Winston Park Elementary as a cook. A couple of years later, she became the satellite assistant at Sunset Park Elementary, a position she held for three years before being accepted into the Manager's Training Program.

Upon graduation, she became the manager of John I. Smith Elementary, where she led the cafeteria for 4 years before eventually becoming the manager at Cypress K-8 Center.



As Tammie prepares to retire this year, she offers this advice to all upcoming managers:

- “Respect and listen to your staff. Work hand-in-hand with them to gain their trust and never ask them to do something you aren’t willing to do yourself.”
- “Stay on top of your production records and never be afraid to ask for help when it’s needed.”
- “Enjoy your job and build lasting relationships with your students. Build a strong team and always greet your students with a smile – you never know what kind of day they are having, and you might be the difference between a good day and a bad one.”



Tammie leaves behind a legacy of dedication and leadership that will be felt long after she retires. Her retirement is a bittersweet moment for all of us. While her departure marks the end of an era for our team, we are thrilled for her to begin this new milestone.

We will certainly miss her infectious smile and guidance, but we are so excited for her to finally trade production records for relaxation. Wishing her a wonderful and peaceful retirement journey!

