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Food Service Appreciation Day

Baby Its Cold Outside-but not in the cafeteria...That's just one reason why we need to go all out in showing our thanks. Food Service Worker Appreciation Day is upon us and the Winter Wonderland theme seems especially appropriate these days as we have all felt the chill of winter. Be sure and check out the Thursday Tips for some great ideas to help you make the day super special for your food service workers.



Remember that one of the commitments you agreed to when you received the A Team mini grants was that you would submit pictures and summaries for each appreciation day:) We look forward to hearing from you.

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In the Spotlight

Regina Waller



Waller was elected to the Board of Trustees for Utrust in 2008. She is one of two trustees who represent Middle Tennessee on the seven member board. She played a large role in developing the Utrust Employee Appreciation Program. The program encourages the development of student leadership and seeks to instill in them an attitude of gratitude. It significantly improves employee morale.

She has been a member of the Trousdale County School Board since 2006 and currently chairs the board.

“Utrust is fortunate to have Regina Waller as a trustee,” Dr. Dan Tollett,” Utrust Administrator said. “She is passionate about and totally immersed in education. “She is thoughtful, creative, intelligent and fun. She brings good ideas to the board and has the ability to collaborate with other members

and the staff to make good decisions. She makes the board stronger and more effective. Both Trousdale County Board of Education and the Utrust Board of Trustees are fortunate to have her as a member.”

Waller has worked in the health industry for more than 20 years, helping many patients in need. She carries her creativity and fun-loving spirit into her work as a director of activities at a health and rehab center where she plans programs to enrich the lives of patients.

Waller owns and operates Doodle Bugs, where she teaches art classes, especially for children.

She became a member of the TSBA Board of Directors in November, serving as the Upper Cumberland District Director.

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One of the greatest things that Utrust has ever been a part of is what's been happening all over the state through the mini grant program.

There have been over 94 grants awarded to member systems that are funding a wide variety of educational projects in your schools. With everything from award programs to ipads to smart boards to technological advancements to outdoor learning facilities, you are investing in the future of your schools and your students are benefitting.

It is our great pleasure to see how so many systems and schools are dreaming big dreams and reaching them through the mini grant program.

The A team mini grants have also been rewarding as we are seeing participation in the Employee Appreciation Program increase which as we have seen since its inception, helps to change the culture of the schools and creates an attitude of gratitude.