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A Tribute to Shirlene Gaines

It is with mixed emotions and genuine gratitude that we announce the retirement of Shirlene Gaines. As most of you already know, Shirlene is our Cafeteria Supervisor at Putnam Heights but you may not know she has also worked in Hawthorn, Shidler, Kaiser and West Nichols Hills. Having worked for School Nutrition Services (SNS) for more than 19 years, I asked Shirlene if she chose to work in elementary schools on purpose or if it just happened. Without a moment's hesitation she replied, "I chose elementary schools on purpose because these kids are my kids and I love being a part of their day." She continued by saying, "You know, that feeling of sharing love you are able to give someone a meal? Well I get to say "I love you" to a room full of kids every day."



Shirlene Gaines

I asked her what she miss the least not working for SNA and she quickly replied, "The computer and I won't miss putting away groceries but other than that I can't think of another thing." When asked what she would miss most, her answer was even simpler, "The kids."

Shirlene wants us all to know she is going to be busier than ever once she "retires" as she plans to continue her community service work and spend more time with her husband and three grandchildren.



Shirlene Gaines and her team at Putnam Heights Elementary.

On behalf of everyone at SNA, we will miss Shirlene dearly and wish her all the best. We also want Shirlene to know, her kids will miss her even more.

