

A student arrived at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School late in the day after a doctor's appointment and had not eaten lunch. His teacher and I walked down to the cafeteria with him to see if we could get him something to eat. It was obvious the cafeteria was closed, and the **Food Services staff** had just sat down to eat their own lunches. We did not have to say a word. Everyone immediately greeted the student by name (and he's new to the school!), and several people jumped up and began offering him an array of lunch options – kind of like when you go visit your grandmother. It is clear that no matter what, when it comes to making sure the students at Edythe J. Hayes are taken care of, the staff makes it happen from the bottom of their hearts!

– Submitted by Tanya Sturgill, autism resource specialist