**TEACHER TRIVIA**

This tool is designed to invite more teachers into the lunchroom to have a little fun, connect with students in new ways, and taste the fresh changes in school meals.

**How Teacher Trivia Works**

The food service director (or volunteers) create a bulletin board that features fun teacher trivia. Teachers’ names are not included, so anticipation builds as students make guesses over the course of a week. Then, on “Teacher Reveal Day,” the food service director makes a show of announcing the trivia answers during lunch, with participating teachers present. After the announcement, participating teachers join students for lunch, which they receive as a thank-you for their participation.

**Set Up This Tool in Six Easy Steps.**

1. **Decide which week you would like to do Teacher Trivia.**
   Ideally, you will announce the game to students on a Monday, with Teacher Reveal Day on Friday of the same week. This tool can be used one to three times throughout the school year, with different trivia (or teachers) featured each time.

2. **Recruit teachers by touting the benefits of participation:**
   - It’s a great opportunity for teachers and students to get to know each other outside of the classroom, which results in higher-quality relationships.
   - It adds a little “mystery” and fun to spice up the daily grind.
   - It enables teachers to join students for lunch, creating role models for healthy eating.
   - It gives teachers the opportunity to experience the fresh, healthy, and delicious changes happening in the school meal program.
   - It offers an opportunity to taste a new menu item and provide feedback.
   - It builds cohesiveness in the workplace, as teachers and food service staff get to know each other better.
   - It gives teachers a complimentary meal!

3. **Ask participating teachers to fill out the Teacher Trivia form and return it to you. Confirm that teachers are able and available to eat lunch with students on Teacher Reveal Day.**

4. **In a high-traffic area near or in the cafeteria, create a bulletin board with the title “Teacher Trivia.” Prominently display the most interesting pieces of trivia that you received.” Also include, “How many answers do YOU have right? Find out on Teacher Reveal Day, _____________ (date).”**

5. **Once the bulletin board is completed, point it out during each lunch period and watch the students begin to buzz as they guess the answers. Tell students the date of Teacher Reveal Day.**

6. **On Teacher Reveal Day, make a show of announcing the trivia answers. After the reveal, remind teachers to promote school meals and healthy eating as they enjoy their free meal with students.**

*To display trivia, turn teachers’ answers into a question.*

For example:

- Which teacher has lived in 11 states and 2 countries?
- Which teacher once broke his ankle while jumping on a trampoline?
- Which teacher has a pet rat?
- Which teacher was once chased by a wild boar?
TEACHER TRIVIA FORM

Name _______________________________  Grade Taught _______  Lunch Period(s) Available _______________

1. What is the silliest or craziest thing that has ever happened to you?

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2. What is the most unusual food that you have ever eaten?

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3. Have you ever been on television? If yes, when?

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4. What is your favorite hobby?

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5. Do you have or have you ever had an unusual pet? If yes, what kind and what is his/her name?

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6. Briefly share a memorable story from when you were a kid.

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7. What is a surprising fact that most people don’t know about you?

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8. Have you ever met a famous person? If so, whom?

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*This tool will also include a coupon template for a complimentary lunch.