



## **Pewaukee School District Celebrates Chef Klayton Mutchler's Dedication to Pewaukee During Chef Appreciation Week 2021**

*Klayton Mutchler Honored as One of Nine Chartwells K12 Chefs across the Country for Keeping Students and Communities Happy and Healthy*

*Pewaukee, WI – Sept. 13, 2021* – Over the past year, meal times have been a bright spot for many students and thanks to Chartwells K12 chefs and foodservice teams, students across the country have continued to enjoy healthy and nutritious meals every day. Chartwells K12 is celebrating Chef Appreciation Week, September 12-18, to honor the outstanding commitment shown by the men and women behind the food. Over the past year, these school lunch heroes have gone above and beyond to ensure students leave the cafeteria healthier and happier than when they entered.

At Pewaukee School District in Pewaukee, Chef Klayton is one of nine Chartwells K12 national honorees who will be recognized during this year's Chef Appreciation Week. They were selected for their efforts playing a key role in the Pewaukee School District's foodservice operations, delivering culinary excellence, and keeping kids smiling, even amidst the pandemic. Chef Klayton turned the food service operation into an emergency feeding program serving the students and community at large offering weekend meals as well as meals into the summer months. As a result, students and families within the Pewaukee community have benefited from Chef Klayton's dedication and this successful school meals program.

**Chef Klayton and his team never miss a beat when it comes to ensuring Pewaukee School District students are fed," said Dr. Mike Cady, Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Cady further explains that, "Klayton is a great chef who uses his culinary expertise to create appetizing dishes for our students & staff to enjoy. He goes the extra mile day in and day out to make recipes kids love to eat, while ensuring health and safety protocols are a top priority. Chef Klayton and the rest of the Pewaukee School District Food Service team have proven their commitment to the Pewaukee School District community, and I hope this Chef Appreciation Week recognition will help demonstrate just how grateful we are to have Chef Klayton on our team."**

Throughout the school year, Chef Klayton delivers menu innovation through student input from our Student Choice events where students vote on new and creative menu options. He utilizes his culinary expertise to train staff to elevate menu offerings, food quality and safety, and overall presentation of the food, as you know, we all eat with our eyes first.

**Chef Appreciation Week was established in 2013 to honor all those serving in the culinary industry for their devotion, love of food, and willingness to serve their community. This week, Pewaukee School District is celebrating Chef Klayton Mutchler and Chef Appreciation Week by recognizing his efforts on our various District social media platforms and a note on our electronic sign for all visitors that come to campus to see. We formally recognize all of our Food Service Staff during National School Lunch Week giving them all a personal note of thanks from the Superintendent along with a gift.**

“Chef Appreciation Week is one of my favorite weeks of the year because it’s a dedicated time for our company and partners to give thanks to school lunch heroes like Chef Klayton for all they do in our communities,” said Belinda Oakley, CEO, Chartwells K12. “Chef Klayton and the rest of the team at Pewaukee School District are a great example of how Chartwells K12 is dedicated to serving up happy and healthy every day.”

Chartwells K12 is honoring eight additional chefs from school districts across the country during Chef Appreciation Week this year and celebrating all the foodservice team members who support and nourish children every day.

**To learn more about Pewaukee School District and Chartwells, please visit the Pewaukee School District [Food Service web page](#).**

#### **About Pewaukee School District**

The Pewaukee School District community delivers an innovative and progressive education where we are passionate about academic excellence, committed to fostering positive citizenship, and dedicated to inspiring all students to flourish.

#### **About Chartwells K12**

Chartwells K12's goal is to make sure students leave the cafeteria happier and healthier than they came in, by serving food kids love to eat and creating custom dining programs. With more than 16,000 associates in 4,500 schools, ranging from large public institutions to small charter and private schools, Chartwells K12 is built on decades of food, education and operational experience driven by top culinary, nutrition, wellness, and sustainability talent. For more information, visit [www.ChartwellsK12.com](http://www.ChartwellsK12.com).

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