



June 4, 2015, the Cheshire Board of Education recognized Eileen Mankus for being selected as SNACT's Rising Star Award Winner for 2014-2015 school year. As an affiliate of the national School Nutrition Association, SNACT is dedicated to our individual member's success and the success of the school district's nutrition program to work together to insure the health and wellness of Connecticut's school children.

SNACT award winners, are nominated and evaluated by their peers in school nutrition, and exemplify the best of child nutrition programs through their professionalism and program innovations. Eileen received her award and the recognition of her peers at the SNACT May 21 Awards Banquet at Anthony's by the Sea.

Mrs. Mankus has done an amazing job at Chapman Elementary School Nutrition Program. Since Eileen has been at Chapman lunch meals increased by 30% during a time where district and nationwide meals were flat or declining. Adult meals sales have increased by 150% and Chapman breakfast meals this month is second highest in the district after the high school. She has done a fantastic job in Chapman kitchen being the hub to satellite meals to Darcey schools, but it is not just about the numbers. The best sentiment is from a guidance counselor: "I meet with our new students at the beginning of each school year. Several students made comments about Eileen's wonderful lunches and about how nice and kind she is!"

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