

**JUDY ACKLEY, NUTRITION specialist**, rings up lunches and converses with hungry students in line for food. When students were asked about their favorite class or the best part of their day, many of them responded, "Lunch." For the majority of the students, this would not have been such an appealing privilege, or even a privilege at all, if it were not for the fabulous ladies that made it happen.

**BEN ROSEN, 9, GETS HIS** change from **Mrs. Sharon Whitton**, a member of the staff for almost seven years. The nutrition specialists were known best for putting food in our stomachs in exchange for a few smiles. These women were all over the place: working the register, cooking the food, stocking the items, and sometimes doing two at once!



**CHRISTOPHER HOLSCHER, 12, GETS BANDAGED UP** BEFORE his Friday night game. Even though the cut on his arm was not major, he still wanted the nurse to check it out.

"Every time I get hurt I know that **Mrs. [Susan] Murphy** will be there to help me out," said **Holscher**.

"I get the opportunity to make a difference in students' lives," said **Murphy**, the school nurse.

"**Mrs. Murphy** did more than that. She was an invaluable person, not just for students, but for the staff, too," said **Dr. Gene Donatell**, school psychologist.

**Donatell** is not the only faculty member who thought that **Murphy** was important to the school, the principals thought so also.

"Very helpful and insightful," said **Mr. Antonio Shelton**, assistant principal.

It was always good to have someone there when you did not feel well, but it was even better when she truly cared.



## Helping out in every place

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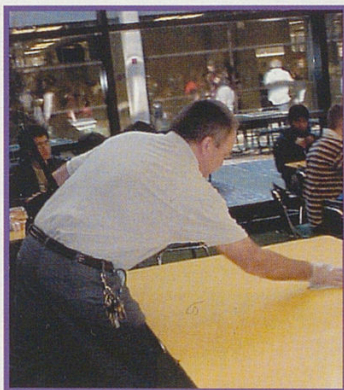
**W**hen someone said "school," the first thing that came to mind was homework. Then maybe it was teachers or students or principals. But the truth is, the school could not have run without the little-known, undervalued men and women that worked behind the scenes. These were the maintenance workers and custodial staff.

Both were an *enormous* help, and the building would probably have fallen apart without them. Together, the two groups took care of everything that the students and teachers unknowingly overlooked.

There was a difference between the two groups, however, in that the custodial staff was available to help with any problems or upkeep needed, and the maintenance workers each specialized in different areas. For instance, one person specialized in electrical work while another in plumbing. Regardless of their differences, these groups made the school run smoothly and should be thanked for it.

"I love doing what I do. Some people may think it's a horrible job, but I think differently," said **Mr. Brad Walker**, supervisor.

**MR. TONY BISHOP WIPES** down a table at lunch. Together with the rest of the maintenance and custodial staff, **Bishop** was responsible for making the school run smoothly. Although seemingly taken for granted, their help was greatly appreciated.



**MR. BRUCE WEINER** and **Mrs. Brenda Patterson** push a cart of custodial supplies. "When a task would come to us, we would both try to always do it with smiles on our faces," said **Weiner** and **Patterson**.

