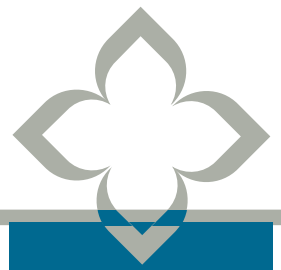


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Dining Etiquette

Margo Fisher-Bellman, Nativity School Language Arts Teacher, jumped at the opportunity to bring elders from DH and MPL into her classroom. She had an idea for a long time and wondered if CLLE could help bring it to fruition. Mrs. Bellman had noticed on several occasions, both professional and personal, that many rules of dining etiquette were quickly being lost. She also realized that having such tools can be

important first impressions and even help with career advancement. The elders were able to deliver Mrs. Bellman's idea of introducing etiquette to her 8th grade students.

DH residents, Joan and Phil Maechling, along with Jack Fix arrived at the Nativity cafeteria with an etiquette guide for each student. They were joined by MPL resident, Lorraine Allen. The residents shared some of their own experiences while

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Jack Fix introduces topic of Etiquette to the 8th graders.



Phil Maechling answers question about place setting.

teaching the ins and outs of dining etiquette. Mr. Maechling shared with the students, "all things guys like me sometimes do wrong". Mr. Fix told the students, "I grew up in an era where I was proud to say, 'I can't boil water'. There are lots of exciting things you can do with cooking." He encouraged the students to, "pick up a cookbook, read recipes and turn on the Food Channel. Give cooking a try. It's fun." Mrs. Allen reviewed the menu that would be served the following week at DH.

She reassured the students, “If you don’t know a culinary term, just ask your server.”

The students then had the opportunity to practice the skills they had learned. Thirty eighth graders arrived at DH dressed to impress for a formal luncheon with the residents. At the meal the students were able to apply their appropriate dining skills and table conversation.

The classroom sessions and luncheon provided another opportunity for students and elders to learn from one another and value each other. MPL resident Bob LaShelle expressed, “I am so pleased to be included as a host for the luncheon. The students are so polite, such good conversationalists and fun to be with. When the luncheon is over, I feel energized. If I had children, I’d want them to attend Nativity.”



Bob LaShelle engages in conversation.



Nativity’s 8th grade class thanks the DH and MPL residents for sharing knowledge and experiences.



Lorraine Allen enjoys the luncheon and conversation.

