



CA Snapshot: **Martha Ifkovic**

This new feature will introduce some of the important community members who help keep the school running, but who operate primarily behind the scenes. In this issue, you'll meet **Martha Ifkovic**, our Director of Food Services. Originally from Stony Creek, Connecticut, Martha received her degree in hotel and restaurant management from Southern New Hampshire University. She entered that field "because it offered the right balance of skills: creativity, contact with people, and management." Before joining CA as part of SAGE Dining Services in 2006, Martha worked for fifteen years at Brooks School in Massachusetts. When asked what she enjoys most here, Martha is quick to reply, "Hands-down, it's the people. From the students to the faculty to my own staff, I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with."

Martha has many memories of her experiences here, but certainly the winter of 2010-2011 stands out. For weeks, there was little relief from the blizzards and ice storms that gripped Connecticut. As a town resident, Martha always managed to make it into work so that meals could be served. She is quite vocal, however, about the extraordinary lengths that the rest of her staff made to get to the school. "Many of them don't live close by, so they really put aside their own safety to brave the weather conditions to come in and serve meals. They really are heroes when it comes to caring for the kids. As a group, we can only be successful when we have the right people in the right positions... and we do."

We had to ask our resident food professional what *her* favorite food is. She laughs, "I get asked that a lot. Definitely, it's oatmeal chocolate chip cookies with a cup of tea. As comfort food goes, there's nothing better!" [CA](#)