

MONDAY MORNING

MARCH 4, 2024

The PA Farm to School Institute

Interested in elevating your current farm to school activities? Consider applying for the PA Farm to School Institute! The PA Farm to School Institute is a unique year-long learning opportunity for selected school, district or early care and education program teams from Pennsylvania.

During this year-long institute, teams will participate in a two-day summer retreat, work with an experienced farm-to-school coach, and receive a \$7,000 stipend to support their farm-to-school activities.

Learn more about the institute [here](#) and register for the [team applicant info session](#) on Wednesday, March 6th, 2-3 pm. The deadline for [team applications](#) is midnight on Thursday, March 28th, for more information. Review the [FAQ](#) page for full details about the program. If you're interested in learning more about the PA Farm to School Network, join the upcoming [virtual open house on March 21st](#).



Happy #NSBW2024

Happy National School Breakfast Week! NSBW celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This special observance during the first week of March celebrates the National School Breakfast Program and the many ways it gives kids a great start every day. We are so excited to celebrate with you this week! Whether you're cruising toward a gnarly event or seeking some last-minute inspiration, we've got you covered with four SNA [resources](#) to elevate your school's festivities!

We want to see how you celebrate! Share what your week looked like [here](#) to be featured in future SNAPA publications!



SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER 21 CHAPTER MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 19th 2024

**LOCATION: Upper Moreland Middle School
4000 Orangemans Rd, Hatboro, PA 19040**

Please join us for a fun evening with a jam-packed agenda!! We have two fun interactive events planned.

4pm- Arrival

4:15pm-5:45pm- Professional Development

5:45-6:15-Dinner and Wrap-up

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RSVP to JESSICA by 3/15

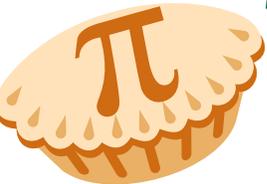
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As a reminder, free School Breakfast Program (SBP) meals for all students and will continue in Pennsylvania! These provisions, integrated into the Pennsylvania School Code through PL 187, are now firmly in place, requiring legislative action for removal. This means it's crucial for you to plan for their permanent implementation moving forward. Free School Breakfast is here to stay!

March 14th

is national Pi Day!

National Pi Day on March 14th recognizes the mathematical constant π . Also known as pi, the first three and most recognized digits are 3.14. The day is celebrated by pi enthusiasts and pie lovers alike!



Breakfast February 2024
Tray of the Month Winner!



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North Wales, PA



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

A total of 2,066 members voted. A map on the SNA website shows voting participation in states across the country during the two-week voting period.

Congratulations to our newly elected national leaders! **Check them out here!**



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THANK YOU PARTNERS!



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School Nutrition Program Monthly

March 2024



Important Dates and Deadlines:

- March 31st: Last day to complete the Direct Certification Process for districtwide CEP Sponsors in PA-SES powered by PrimeroEdge.
- April 1st: Last day to enter a January claim for reimbursement.



Monthly Celebration:

- National Nutrition Month
- National School Breakfast Week: March 4-8, 2024
- National Meatball Day: March 9, 2024



Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month:

- Dairy ([PA Harvest of the Month](#))

Charge Policies

All schools participating in the SNPs are required to have a Local Meal Charge Policy which serves to balance the nutritional needs of students and the financial integrity of the food service account. The policy must address the steps the school will take to collect debt and determine the point in which delinquent debt becomes uncollectable.

- Debt cannot carry over for longer than one school year.
- Student debt cannot be paid from the Food Service Account.

SFAs are encouraged to have a written policy determining what will happen to remaining meal funds at the end of the school year.

- Every effort to return funds must be made in accordance with the schools' debt collection policy.
- Funds that are not returnable within three (3) years are deemed Unclaimed Property and must be sent to the Department of the Treasury.

Charge Policy Resources:

- CN PEARS → Download Forms → Charge Policies

Direct Certification for CEP Schools

The deadline to perform the Direct Certification Process in the PA Student Eligibility System (PA-SES) for districtwide CEP sponsors is **March 31st**. The process of Direct Certification:

- Establishes SFAs initial or recalculated identified student percentage (ISP)
- Allows SFAs to take advantage of any ISP increases.
- Helps SFAs observe demographic trends.

PDE, DFN recommends completing this as soon as possible.

- Resources can be found on CN PEARS → Download Forms → Direct Certification Section.
- Technical assistance is available from CN Resources by calling 1-855-286-7685 or emailing pahelp@cnresource.com.

Important Note: All sponsors are reminded to double-check student eligibility imports to ensure that all students are processed in the data file and are correctly coded to their respective school buildings.



Note of the Month

Did you know that children who eat breakfast have improved moods and increased alertness throughout the morning? In honor of National School Breakfast Week, PDE, DFN encourages SFAs to, "[Make Breakfast First Class.](#)"



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