



Happy Labor Day

MONDAY (TUESDAY) MORNING Newsletter

Call for Committee Members

Are you ready to make a real impact on the world of school nutrition? Your chance to contribute and excel is here! SNAPA is excited to announce that we are actively seeking enthusiastic volunteers like you to take up essential roles within our vibrant committees. The best part? All committee meetings are conveniently virtual, so you can participate from the comfort of your own space.

Learn more about opportunities and committees that you can serve on!

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Job Opportunity

Food Service Director, Mifflinburg Area School District

The Food Service Director is responsible for administering all aspects of the school district's food service program in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and district policies. Candidates must be knowledgeable in budgeting, purchasing, menu planning, meal preparation, serving and health & safety standards. Fulltime (12 month) Administrative Act 93 position, starting salary to commensurate with experience.

A Bachelor's degree in food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, or business strongly preferred. Minimum of five years' experience in supervisory role preferred, strong oral and written communication skills are required. Anticipated start date of November 1, 2023.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, three (3) letters of reference, transcripts and food safety certificate to Mrs. Tammy L Boop, School Board Secretary, 178 Maple St, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Successful applicant will be required to provide/obtain mandatory clearances. Deadline for accepting applications is **Tuesday, September 5, 2023.**

Jump Into Fall with this recipe

Harvest Spinach and Apple Chicken Salad

Crisp spinach and Romaine salad with apples, cheddar cheese, dried cranberries, and teriyaki grilled chicken strips.

NSLP/SBP CREDITING INFORMATION

1 salad provides 2 ½ oz equivalent meat, ⅝ cup fruit, and 1 cup dark green vegetable.

View full recipe and Instructions [here!](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 SNAPA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

APRIL 8-9, 2024



Mark your calendar to attend the 2024 SNAPA Director Workshop! You don't want to miss this year with opportunities to relax, network, and learn how to help your programs even further!

SNA Report: SY2022-23 Participation Drop

The School Nutrition Association's (SNA) latest School Meal Participation Tracker report details participation and meals served during School Year (SY) 2022-23, as compared to pre-pandemic years and SY 2021-22, when federal pandemic waivers allowed all schools to offer free meals to all students.

Notably, the loss of free school meals for all students has contributed to a significant drop in ADP. Comparing preliminary SY2022-23 data to SY2021-22 data, the report finds a:

6.44% drop in lunch ADP

8.67% drop in breakfast ADP

SNA is advocating for offering free meals to all students without an application to allow more students to eat nutritious school lunches and breakfasts, proven to contribute to improved health and academic outcomes. [Access the full report here.](#)

Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition Regional Gatherings

Join us this October, National Farm to School Month, at a Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition gathering. These ½-day sessions will be held in the Pittsburgh area and Harrisburg.

Sessions will include presentations about Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month (PA HOM), engaging students in farm to child nutrition activities, funding farm to child nutrition initiatives, and the Pennsylvania Farm to School Network. There will be a PA HOM taste-testing opportunity.

Target audiences for these gatherings include Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, K-12 and early childhood education educators, producers, distributors, and other farm to school/early childhood education stakeholder groups.



These gatherings are being coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition and Project PA (Penn State University). Funding is provided by a USDA Farm to School grant.

Check-in for each gathering will be from 8:30 am – 9:00 am. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am and end at noon.



Location	Date	Registration Deadline
Allegheny Intermediate Unit 475 E. Waterfront Drive Homestead, PA 15120	October 11, 2023	October 2, 2023
Farm Show Complex 2300 N. Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110	October 24, 2023	October 16, 2023

Continuing Education Credits:

- Professional Development credits for school food service personnel
- Act 48 credits for educators
- PQAS credits for early care and education attendees

Register NOW Registration is free and is first-come, first-served and will be open until the registration deadline or until the registration capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

Registration is through the Project PA website: www.projectpa.org. For questions, send e-mail to elainem@psu.edu.



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Get Ahead of Meal Debt

Unpaid meal debt in school nutrition operations had reached a crisis point even before the rise of COVID-19. Now, as districts begin a second year without the financial protection of federal waivers providing universally free meals—and as parents continue to face economic hardships in the wake of the pandemic and high inflation—school nutrition directors are braced to contend with the consequences of meal charges. Positive, proactive strategies are critical—and “Managing the Problem of Meal Debt,” a new SN Plus article, identifies several steps.

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