

# MONDAY MORNING

DECEMBER 26, 2023

ON A TUESDAY

Happy

✨ *Holidays*

From our family to yours! ✨

As the year draws to a close, the School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania extends heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones. May this holiday season bring you immense joy and precious moments with family and friends. Throughout your winter break, we hope you find time for relaxation and rejuvenation, surrounded by the warmth of the festive spirit.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we eagerly anticipate continued growth, collaboration, and a focus on the well-being of our students. Your dedication to our community is truly appreciated. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Wishing you a joyful holiday season, a restful winter break, and a New Year filled with success and prosperity.

## Get Local Food Into Schools

Our very own Nicole Melia was on a panel at the Dec. 5 Pennsylvania Wholesaling to Institutions workshop, to help other farmers start their wholesaling journeys.

Melia, who runs food service for six schools in the district along with four private schools, feeds 4,700 students each year. This year, the district is spending about \$25,000 with local farmers, mostly for produce.

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## 2024 SNA Position Paper

On December 8th and 11th the SNA Public Policy and Legislation Committee met to draft the Association's 2024 Position Paper. The position paper reflects the Association's top legislative priorities and will serve as the roadmap for SNA's 2024 advocacy efforts.

**Stay tuned for the release of the final 2024 Position Paper in early January!**

COMING SOON



# SNAPA Tray of the Month

## Breakfast

### How does it work?

In honor of the Governor's School Breakfast Challenge, SNAPA will be highlighting school breakfast for our Tray of the Month campaign from January- March. Each week SNAPA will share photo submissions from schools across Pennsylvania of school BREAKFAST trays served that meet the following criteria:

1. Meet the USDA National School Breakfast Meal Patterns, clearly showing all components (i.e. including fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternate and fluid milk as applicable)
2. Include a description of the meal menu items
3. Indicate the location and date of service
4. Be attractively plated and photographed
5. Email and submit photo with description to [Communication@SNAPA.org](mailto:Communication@SNAPA.org)

SNAPA social media followers will be asked to like, comment and share their favorite trays across all SNAPA social media platforms. The tray with the most engagement throughout the month will be our SNAPA Tray of the Month winner! The SNAPA Tray of the Month will be selected and awarded the first week of the new month!





# Governor's School Breakfast Challenge

January 2024 kicks off the first inaugural Governor's School Breakfast Challenge! Schools will be encouraged and recognized for increasing breakfast participation while incorporating sustainable changes that incorporate more nutritious and local foods. Some of the breakfast challenge criteria includes: incorporating local foods, serving hot entrees, implementing an alternative serving method and more! See all criteria on PDE's website!

SNAPA is encouraging ALL schools in Pennsylvania to participate in this breakfast challenge. While the challenge is running (Jan-March), our Tray of the Month competition will be switching to breakfast trays only!

## Winners of Tray of the Month

- Winners will receive a congratulatory award for winning tray of the month.
- Winning tray will be featured on SNAPA Social Media (Twitter, Instagram & Facebook).
- List of winners and their photos will be linked on SNAPA website (coming soon!).
- Tray of the month winning trays will be highlighted and recognized in SNAPA Happenings.

## Have fun and follow along!

Competition starts January 2nd!

Submit Trays to:  
[Communication@SNAPA.org](mailto:Communication@SNAPA.org)



Follow us!  
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## JINGLE AND MINGLE AT LUNCH

School nutrition professionals and other staff in the Leechburg Area School District in Pennsylvania dressed up as holiday characters to serve a Christmas- and winter holiday-themed lunch to students. Superintendent Tiffany Nix, dressed as the character Olaf from "Frozen," said that she and her colleagues enjoyed spreading holiday cheer, adding "The joy on the students' faces was priceless."



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### January 11th

is national Milk Day!

National Milk Day falls on January 11 to observe the very first time milk was delivered to homes inside sterilized glass bottles. It took until 1878 before anybody thought to fill bottles with milk and seal them with waxed paper.



## #LAC24

Participate in the #LAC24 sweepstakes for a chance to secure one of two complimentary trips, covering travel, accommodations, and registration, to join SNA's 2024 Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 3-5! All it takes is sharing your advocacy narrative. Share proof of your recent advocacy endeavors, like a snapshot from a legislator meeting, or utilize SNA's user-friendly video recording platform to create a brief video on your phone or laptop. Share your reasons for supporting universal healthy school meals or why school nutrition advocacy matters to you. Don't miss out—enter today! Two submissions will be randomly chosen post the December 14th deadline. Please note that SNA may showcase your submissions on social media or other platforms. [Check out the complete rules for more details.](#)



# THANK YOU PARTNERS!





**JANUARY | 22<sup>nd</sup> | 2024**

**DONEGAL HIGH SCHOOL**

1025 KOSER RD. MOUNT JOY, PA 17552



## **NEW EVENT! 2024 SNAPA Commodity Food Show**

SNAPA will be partnering with the PA Department of Agriculture to showcase commodity products and conduct tastings. In the afternoon, join us for a food show dedicated to all processed commodity items!

This is your opportunity to explore the finest in school nutrition commodities before allocation. Don't miss it!

### **AGENDA**

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| 9:30am  | Registration and Coffee Talk            |
| 10:30am | Brown box cutting and Ag meet and greet |
| 11:30am | Networking Break                        |
| 12:00pm | Processed Commodity Food Show           |

**Free for  
SNAPA  
Director Level  
Members**

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