



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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**Verification:** The vast majority of you completed verification by November 15 and entered your results in KN-CLAIM well ahead of the December 15 deadline. Thank you for promptly completing verification this year! Any extensions beyond December 15 require written approval from USDA.

**Annual Accountability Reviews:** A sponsor with multiple serving sites must conduct an annual on-site accountability review of each serving site. All on-site reviews must be completed by February 1. The purpose of the on-site review is to ensure that the accountability system (as specified on the sponsor's approved collection and accountability procedures in KSDE's computer system, KN-CLAIM) is being used correctly. Someone who is not involved with the daily operation of the system must complete the review. The School Food Service On-Site Accountability Review (Form 9-G) should be used to document the findings of the on-site accountability review. Refer to *Food Service Facts*, Chapter 9, for further information and the review form. *Food Service Facts* can be accessed online at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts.

**Kansas School Lunch Week:** Visit the School Nutrition Association of Kansas (SNA-KS) website, [www.sna-ks.org](http://www.sna-ks.org), for information on this year's celebration of Kansas School Lunch Week, Lunch Is My Favorite Subject, January 24-28, 2011.

**Food Safety Training:** The schedule for Spring Food Safety Basics classes will be available beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), School Nutrition Programs, Training, Food Safety Basics. Remember to update your Food Safety Training Record in KN-CLAIM after your employees take a food safety class!

**ESPH Video News:** The third edition of the ESPH Video News has been posted at [www.eatsmartplayhard.org](http://www.eatsmartplayhard.org). Schools featured are: USD 308 Hutchinson-Lincoln Elementary, USD 460 Hesston-Hesston High School and USD 373 Newton-Slate Creek Elementary School.

**Recipes for Healthy Kids:** First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* Initiative, in association with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is challenging school nutrition professionals, chefs, students, parents and interested community members to create tasty, healthy, exciting new recipes for inclusion on school lunch menus across the country. Winning teams will win \$12,000 in prizes and be invited to prepare their nutrition-packed recipes alongside White House chefs. Schools and chefs can connect by signing up at Chefs Move to Schools (<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/chefs.html>) or through their local community. Encourage your school community to enter the competition NOW! The clock is ticking! Deadline is December 30, 2010. Sign up at [www.RecipesForKidsChallenge.com](http://www.RecipesForKidsChallenge.com).

**HACCP Reminder:** Remember to complete the Food Safety Checklist each month and keep a copy of the monthly review on file as part of your HACCP documentation. A copy of the checklist can be found at: [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), Food Safety, HACCP Guidance & Resources, HACCP Resources.

**Child Nutrition Management Academy (CNMA) 2011:** Planning is underway for CNMA 2011. Classes will be held at 6 locations in June 2011. This professional development program is designed specifically for directors, managers and supervisors. We will also offer a track of Regional Training Cooperative classes concurrent with CNMA for all school food service staff to attend. Save the dates and make it a staff training event!

- June 7-10: Hays, Iola, Topeka
- June 14-17: Haysville, Dodge City, Kansas City

**Food That's In When School is Out:** During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. What happens when school lets out? Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children can get the nutritious meals they need. Many SFSP sites provide, not just meals, but educational, enrichment and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session. Summer meals act as an extra “magnet” to draw children to activities—and activities draw children to meals—at places like schools, camps, park and recreation centers, YMCAs, Head Start Centers, Community Action Agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs...and many more. Do you want to help end hunger this summer? **Become a SFSP Sponsor!** Call Peggy McAadoo or Barb Depew at 785-296-2276 for more information!

**HealthierUS School Challenge:** USDA has established the *HealthierUS School Challenge* to recognize schools that create healthier school environments. Please consider getting started now and earn a monetary award per school ranging from \$500 at the Bronze level and up to \$2,000 for the Gold Award of Distinction. The criteria for the HUSSC is aimed at improving the health of children by improving the quality of food served, providing nutrition education, and providing physical education with opportunities for physical activity. Check out the criteria and learn more about the HUSSC on the Team Nutrition website, [www.teamnutrition.usda.gov](http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov), or contact Kelly Chanay at [kchanay@ksde.org](mailto:kchanay@ksde.org) or Franny Eastwood at [feastwood@ksde.org](mailto:feastwood@ksde.org) for additional information. Could your school receive the first Gold Award or first Gold Award of Distinction in Kansas?

**Child Nutrition Reauthorization:** The President signed The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 on December 13, 2010. We will pass on policies and regulations to you as soon as they come to us. You can read a summary or the entire bill at [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov). The proposed changes to the School Lunch & Breakfast meal patterns are expected to come out yet this month. There will be time for public comment before they are adopted. Spring Leadership Connections Meetings will feature a discussion about the new meal patterns and Child Nutrition Reauthorization!



**Healthy Holidays!**

**Child Nutrition & Wellness Team**