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# June Update

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## Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Grantees

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a USDA program that provides grants to elementary schools for the purpose of serving additional fresh fruits and vegetables to students at times other than breakfast or lunch. For School Year 2011-12, 166 elementary schools will be awarded FFVP grants totaling over 2 million dollars. Grant funds will be used to pay the cost of the FFVP food, supplies, labor and program administration. These grants will directly benefit approximately 45,500 Kansas students. A list of the 2011-12 Grantees can be found at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New.

## *HealthierUS* School Challenge Silver Award to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School

Congratulations to Food Service Manager Kelley McVey and the administration and staff of St. Peter in Wichita!

## *HealthierUS* School Challenge Bronze Award to Sullivan Elementary

Congratulations to Food Service Director Jennifer Garza and the administration and staff of Sullivan Elementary School of Ulysses!

## Eight *HealthierUS* School Challenge Bronze Awards to Auburn Washburn!

Congratulations to Donna Bateman, Food Service Director, and the administration, teachers and staff at Auburn Washburn in Topeka! The following schools received the *Healthier*US School challenge Bronze Award:

- Auburn Elementary
- Farley Elementary
- Indian Hills Elementary
- Jay Shideler Elementary
- Pauline Central Primary
- Pauline South Intermediate
- Wanamaker Elementary
- Washburn Rural Middle School

Kansas is now up to 29 *Healthier*US School Challenge Awards! We encourage all Kansas schools to take the *Healthier*US School Challenge! Contact Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org for information and/or assistance applying.

## Outstanding Director Award

Donna Bateman, Auburn Washburn Food Service Director, will be honored as the School Nutrition Association's Outstanding Director for the Southwest Region at SNA's Annual Nutrition Conference in Nashville. Congratulations Donna! We are proud of you and your commitment to Kansas kids and the school food service profession!

## Summer Nutrition Success

USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides reimbursement to approved sites for serving healthy meals and snacks to children ages 1-18 during the summer months. A listing of all Kansas SFSP sites, including addresses and meal times are available. To find the meal site nearest you, go to www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Locate a Site Near You. If you have questions about SFSP, contact your consultant or call 785-296-2276.

## Jump Start for Directors

Jump Start for Directors will be held in Manhattan on October 5 & 6, 2011. Call 785-296-2276 for more information or register at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Five Star Training.

## Regional Training Cooperative Classes

Check www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, 5-Star Training System for continually updated information about a wide variety of training opportunities conveniently located all across the state!

## School Food Safety Program Policy Update

School food safety program based "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point" (HACCP) principles must be applied to any facility or part of a facility where food is stored, prepared or served for the purposes of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program or any other Food and Nutrition Service program.

All on-site HACCP plans must be reviewed to ensure that standard operating procedures for safe food handling are updated to include any facility or part of a facility where food is stored, prepared, or served, such as on school buses, in hallways, school courtyards, kiosks, classrooms, or other locations outside the cafeteria. This requirement applies to all National School Breakfast & Lunch programs, Special Milk programs, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program, After School Snack Care programs and supper programs.

## Time to Review and Update the Food Safety Training Record

Please review the Food Safety Training Record located in KN-CLAIM to ensure all of your school's food service staff are current on Food Safety training. Please update the information or if needed, make plans now to send employees to training. Food Safety training is required for all school foodservice staff every 5 years. Food Safety Basics training is offered at various locations across the state free of charge.

## Accommodating Children with Life-Threatening Food Allergies

Use Form 19-B, Medical Statement to Request School Meal Modification, to determine required meal modifications prescribed by a licensed physician to accommodate a student's disability (life-threatening food allergy). Make sure that information about life-threatening food allergies is shared with the school nurse and administrative staff so that accommodations can be made in all other school-related activities involving food.

## Leadership Forum 2011 - Save the Date!

The annual Leadership Forum for School Food Service Directors will be held October 7th in Salina at the Webster Conference Center. Save the date and watch for future details. This year's special topic will be Financial Management.

## Team Nutrition

Sign up to be a Team Nutrition School at www.kn-eat.org, Team Nutrition. Health education programs available for implementation during the 2011-2012 school year include:

- Power Panther Pals (Primary program for K-2 and Intermediate for grades 3-6)
- Power Up (Junior High)
- Power Panther Professionals (staff wellness program)
- Family Fun, Food & Fitness Events

Please share this information with teachers or others who may be interested!

## Food Service Facts

Please access www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts for the most current information. Food Service Facts is being updated as reauthorization is implemented.

## Administrative Workshops and Food-Based Menu Planning & Production Record Classes

Important updated information about the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act will be presented at Administrative Workshops this summer. Plan now to attend this required training! Go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, 5-Star Training System to register for back-to-school **Administrative Workshops** and the **SMI Food Based Menu Planning & Production Records** classes.

## Program Renewal

All program renewal documents are now available at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Administration, Program Renewal. A new Program Agreement must be signed for SY2011-12 due to significant changes in policy brought about by The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act. Sponsor and site applications in KN-CLAIM are now available for 2012.

## Spanish Translations

Spanish translations of KSDE's documents related to program renewal are now available. Go to Administration, Foreign language Translations.

## Distribution of Applications

Remember that the application packet for CNP benefits is not to be distributed to households any earlier than four weeks prior to the beginning of school. This is a Federal regulation.

## Direct Certification

Make sure the Authorized Representative for your sponsor completes KSDE User Registration. Please register at your earliest convenience using the instructions in the Quick Reference provided at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Forms & Instructions. Call your area consultant or our office at 785-296-2276 if you have questions about the direct certification process.

## Summer Thoughts…

Happy National Summer Food Service Program Week! This week is very important because as schools let out for the summer, at least 17 million children in the U.S. will be at greater risk for hunger. Several states, including Kansas, are testing innovative enhancements to the SFSP, including the provision of food backpacks to provide assistance over weekends! Thank you to everyone who is helping to get summer meals to kids who need them so they can think about other summertime favorites like swimming, running through a water sprinkler, playing baseball or catching fireflies! I hope each of you take some time to relax and enjoy summer!

Cheryl