

MONDAY MORNING

AUGUST 9, 2021



2021 SNAPA Virtual Annual Conference

JULY 27-29, 2021



2021

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 SNAPA Virtual Annual Conference! This year's conference included a great lineup of speakers, professional development and networking over the course of three days. From hearing updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Agriculture, to motivational speakers, this year's conference was one for the books! A special thank you to each of our partners for making this year's conference possible.



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

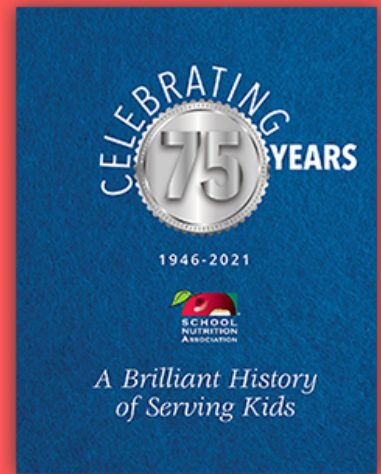
It's time to get Wild About School Lunch with our colorful jungle animal theme! Get creative and start planning now for a fun NSLW celebration, October 11-15, 2021! For resources and to download promotional artwork [click here!](#)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BUY AMERICAN IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

On August 4th, FNS published the Request for Information: Buy American in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to gather feedback from stakeholders on:

- How the Buy American provision and guidance are currently implemented,
- Changes FNS should make to current regulations, and
- Guidance and feedback on how FNS can better support local operators as they strive to purchase domestic foods and food products.

Please use [this link](#) to submit your responses. Responses are due by November 2, 2021.



The School Nutrition Association is celebrating it's 75th anniversary!

We are excited to share a new digital booklet, *A Brilliant History of Serving Kids*, which highlights just a sampling of the achievements and challenges experienced by SNA over the last three-quarters of a century. We encourage you to learn more about distinguished history. Share it with your team with PRIDE in your profession!

In the News

[York City schools receive federal grant to provide fresh fruit and vegetables](#)

[USDA Awards \\$12 Million in Record-Breaking Farm to School Grants](#)

[SNA Publishes Back-to-School 2021 Survey Results](#)

2021 SNAPA Food Shows

Join us for the 2021 SNAPA Food Shows to visit with SNAPA partners and network with colleagues across the state!

October 8, 2021- New Castle High School

November 2, 2021- Ridley High School

Registration is free for all SNAPA school nutrition members.

[Click here to register today!](#)



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

SNA and SNAPA closely monitor all school nutrition related bills and legislation. Information on this legislation SNA's [Action Network](#). Three (3) new Federal bills that impact school nutrition programs were introduced in July 2021:

- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) along with Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC) introduced [S. 2192](#) or [H.R. 4077](#), the Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2021.
- Representatives Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Glenn Thompson (R-PA) introduced [H.R. 4379](#), the School Food Modernization Act.
- Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL) introduced [H.R. 4344](#), the Salad Bars in Schools Expansion Act.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

- **Community Eligibility: Last Chance to Lock in Free Meals for Four Years**

Community Eligibility adoption season is upon us! As the September 30th adoption deadline for the 2021-22 school year approaches, community eligibility provides a unique opportunity to offer free meals to all students in high-poverty schools. Join SNA and FRAC on August 11 at 3:00pm as we discuss helpful tools and tips for implementing community eligibility and making it work financially for your school nutrition operations. [Learn more and register now!](#)

- **Bringing Nutritious, Affordable, and Delicious School Meals to Life while Managing Common Allergens**

In this session, attendees will be inspired by creative ideas from a school chef to meet the needs of today's savvy students. A nutrition scientist and research director will review important nutrition considerations for menu planning and product selection considering the current supply chain challenges. And a registered dietitian nutritionist will provide best practices for managing common allergens in school meals. Join us on September 8 at 3:00pm. [Learn more and register now!](#)

- **Get WILD with Global Flavors**

Thanks to the adventurous palates of today's parents, your students have been exposed to, and come to love, many more dishes with global flavors than previous generations. Join us on September 29 at 3:00pm for an exciting panel discussion where we will show you how you can easily incorporate global flavors in your menu while keeping your food costs down, utilizing USDA Foods and basic pantry staples you likely have on hand. [Learn more and register now!](#)

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