

# MONDAY MORNING



## Happy National School Lunch Week!

October 10th-14th marks National School Lunch Week! We hope you'll take this time to help celebrate the National School Lunch Program and the outstanding school nutrition professionals that help keep our children fed. Be sure to get groovy with marketing resources [HERE!](#)

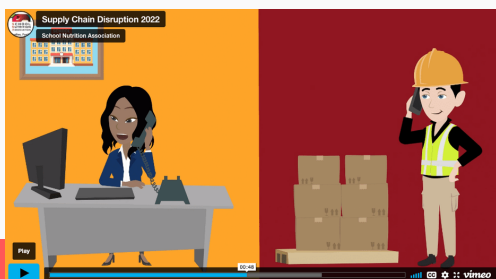
Additionally, be sure to share any pictures and information on your celebration [HERE!](#)

SNA members are also invited to a live, virtual celebration of school nutrition professionals and National School Lunch Week with Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean, Administrator Cindy Long and SNA President Lori Adkins, MS, CHE, SNS, from 2-3 p.m. ET Thursday, October 13. [Register NOW!](#)

## October is Farm to School Month!

However you are planning to celebrate Pennsylvania's Farm to School Month, [The Pennsylvania Farm to School Network](#) is here to support you. Check out [these resources](#) for celebrating Farm to School Month and [take action](#) by committing to engage in farm-to-school activities. Amplify your efforts by using the hashtags #pafarmtoschool and #F2SMonth when sharing your photos and highlights on social media. To continue receiving F2S resources and updates subscribe to the [Monthly Harvest](#) newsletter.

## SNA Debuts New Supply Chain Video



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## Strategies for Hiring People with Disabilities

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month! In recognition of the important role people with disabilities play in a diverse and inclusive American workforce, the theme for [National Disability Employment Awareness Month \(NDEAM\) 2022](#) will be "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation." Observed annually in October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of America's workers with disabilities past and present and showcases supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices.

"As everyone is short staffed, members might find these to be helpful resources. I have 3 young men with special needs who work in my kitchens and, while their work assignments need to be tailored to their abilities, they are some of the most dependable, hardworking, and friendly people on my staff."

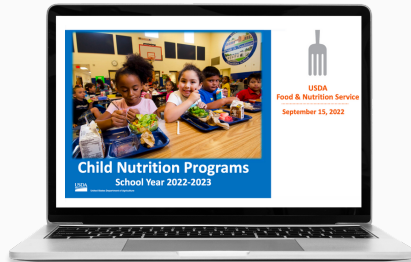
-Megan Schaper



Visit [HERE](#) for another resource to help people learn about being inclusive in their hiring practices.

## Informational Slides!

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) held a webinar on September 15, 2022 providing an update on what to expect for Child Nutrition Program operations during School Year 2022-2023 as well as helpful information about the implementation of the Keep Kids Fed Act. Click [HERE](#) to view!



## Return of Free Breakfast in Schools Welcomed by Students

Gov. Tom Wolf announced last month that he was bringing back the universal free school breakfasts starting this month through the end of the school year. He is using \$21.5 million left over in the state's school food service account to cover the cost of the meal not reimbursed by the federal government for all 1.7 million Pennsylvania students.

West Shore School District Superintendent Todd Stolz said the district's 13 school buildings reported a 117% increase in breakfast participation on Tuesday from the 593 morning meals served on Sept. 6 when the district began charging \$1.85 for breakfasts.

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

## Department of Education Reminders

- 9/28 - Direct Certification – Deadline for First Student Upload & Potential Matches is September 30 – Third Reminder
- 9/30 - Pennsylvania Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Expands Eligibility on October 1, 2022
- 9/30 - Verification Collection Report - School Year 2022-2023
- 10/3 - Fall 2022 - Primeroedge Menu Planning Training Opportunities
- 10/3 - 2022 Food Service Equipment Grant Submission Reminder
- 10/5 - Equipment Grant Additional Funding
- 10/5 - Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funding Allocation for School Year 2022-2023
- 10/5 - Call to Action: October is Farm to School Month!

## Thank You Partners!

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## In the News:

Four area school districts celebrate Farm to Table Month by hosting 'Local Menu Takeover'

Free breakfast is now available at some PA schools

Advocates call for White House to speed up efforts to secure universal school meals

PA Ag Sec. remains 'optimistic' that farmers can meet production demands, despite issues