



# MONDAY MORNING

Newsletter

## GOVERNOR WOLF ANNOUNCES UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

On Friday, alongside SNAPA, Governor Tom Wolf announced universal free breakfast for the 2022-23 school-year.

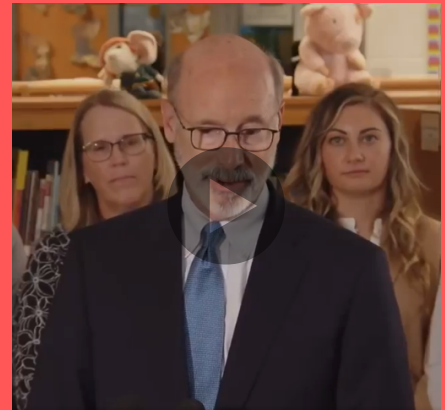
SNAPA has been working with the Governor and his administration for some time on this important issue and would like to commend the Governor for their dedication to a hunger-free Pennsylvania.

As school nutrition professionals, we know that far too many families in Pennsylvania experience obstacles to providing healthy morning meals. Rising food costs and managing household budgets can mean that students arrive hungry and not ready to learn. Universal free breakfast for the 2022-23 school year is a critical step towards filling this void for our children every school day.

The Universal Free Breakfast Program will go into effect on October 1, 2022 and run through the end of the 2022-23 school year. More than 1.7 million Pennsylvania children enrolled in public schools, intermediate units, charter schools, career and technology schools, and child care institutions that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs will benefit from this state-funded program. The \$21.5 million program is funded with prior year funding from the School Food Services General Fund appropriation. Interested schools that do not currently participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs can find [information for applying](#) on the Department of Education's website.

For a full press release on this announcement, click [HERE](#).

Special thanks to Nicole Melia, SNAPA's Public Policy and Legislative Chair, and Melissa Froehlich, SNAPA's Public Communications Chair, for their special efforts on this monumental achievement!



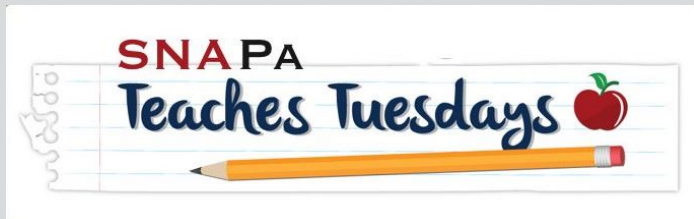
Check out the Governor's Announcement by clicking [HERE](#).



Members of SNAPA's Board of Directors were in attendance for Friday's announcement. From left, Megan Schaper, Nicole Melia, Melissa Froehlich, Kristan Delle, Governor Tom Wolf, and Travis Folmar.



Melissa Froehlich, SNAPA's Public Communications Chair, meets with Governor Tom Wolf.



## SNAPA TEACHES TUESDAYS!

### KITCHEN EFFICIENCY, WORK SMARTER NOT HARDER

September 20, 2022  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

## SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR SNAPA HAPPENINGS!

SNAPA is seeking articles and pictures for the Fall edition of SNAPA happenings! If your program would like to submit an article or pictures of a recent event, program or exciting news, click [HERE!](#)

## SMOOTH OPERATOR: HOW TO SAFELY SERVE PEANUT BUTTER AT YOUR SCHOOLS

Peanuts are one of the top 9 commonly allergenic foods in the U.S. Schools can manage food allergies in a variety of ways and the CDC recommends using a comprehensive plan to manage all food allergies, including peanuts. In this session, attendees will hear why peanut butter is one of the most useful foods schools can have on the menu during these increasingly difficult times because they are shelf-stable, affordable, and nutritious.

[Register now](#) for the September 28 Webinar!



## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT SNAPA CONNECTS!

### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

September 21, 2022  
2:30pm - 3:30pm

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

## THE TURNIP THE BEET AWARD

The Turnip the Beet Award, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. The Nomination form is available on the [Turnip the Beet webpage!](#)

To qualify to be submitted to the USDA, nomination forms must be sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, at [RA-SFSP@ pa.gov](mailto:RA-SFSP@pa.gov) no later than **October 10, 2022.**

## The SNF \$10,000 Golden Ticket Raffle is BACK!

The School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) is excited to announce the Back2School \$10,000 Golden Ticket Raffle! The winner will be announced on September 14, 2022—just in time to make your Back2School the best ever! Buy your ticket for \$100 or join your friends to buy a ticket together and split the winnings.

How does it work? Just 200 tickets will be sold for \$100. What this means: One lucky person will win \$10,000, and the School Nutrition Foundation will receive \$10,000 to support the many programs and scholarships provided to SNA members.

[Purchase your ticket today!](#)

## APPLY FOR THE 2023 JOSEPHINE MARTIN FELLOWSHIP

The School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Josephine Martin National Policy Fellowship, which awards registration and travel expenses up to \$3,000 for an SNA employee/manager member to attend the 2023 Legislation Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C. Applications must be submitted by October 31, 2022.

[Learn More Here!](#)

## BACK TO SCHOOL MEDIA TOOLKIT

[Check out](#) Video Sound Bites, Sample Social Media Content, and downloads from the National School Lunch Program!



National School Lunch Week is just around the corner! This year's celebration will be held October 10-14, 2022.

It's never too soon to start planning! To learn more and for resources to help in planning for this year's event, click [HERE](#).





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## MENU PLANNING

### TRAINING

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## How to Register:

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2. Select CNR PrimeroEdge Registration
3. Register by using the passcode:  
**CNREDGE2022**
4. Enter your registration information
5. Once signed in, select events on the left-hand side to sign up for specific events.

## In Person Trainings

<b>South- Central PA (Near Harrisburg)</b> TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022 8:30am - 3:30pm, Harrisburg PaTTAN 6340 Flank Drive Harrisburg	<b>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 2022</b> 8:30am - 3:30pm, Harrisburg PaTTAN 6340 Flank Drive Harrisburg
<b>Eastern PA (Near Philadelphia)</b> MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 2022 8:30am - 3:30pm, Chester County IU 455 Boot Road Entrance B Downingtown	<b>THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD, 2022</b> 8:30am - 3:30pm, PaTTAN - East 333 Technology Drive, Malvern
<b>Western PA (Near Pittsburgh)</b> TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022 8:30am - 3:30pm, Allegheny IU 3 475 East Waterfront Dr. Homestead	<b>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2022</b> 8:30am - 3:30pm, Allegheny IU 3 475 East Waterfront Dr. Homestead

## Department of Education Reminders

Sponsors should check their "house" message center in PEARS weekly to ensure communications from PDE are received timely in the event a sponsor did not receive a Broadcast Email. Please contact your IT Department to whitelist (mark as safe) messages from RA-EDPDE\_CNP-NOREPLY@pa.gov. Recent messages sent include:

- 9/1 Food Service Equipment Grants - Apply Now
- 9/1 IMPORTANT MESSAGE: 2022-2023 School Year Claims Closed Until Further Notification
- 9/6 Fall 2022 - Primeroedge Menu Planning Training Opportunities
- 9/7 Direct Certification – Deadline for First Student Upload & Potential Matches is September 30
- 9/8 Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Local Admin Funds

## IN THE NEWS

**Dairy plant shutdowns threaten school milk supplies in four states**

**School Nutrition Professionals Prepare for Difficulties**

**USDA grants religious schools Title IX exemption for school meal funding**

**Secretary Miguel Cardona Announces the Road to Success Back to School Bus Tour**

**USDA to Invest up to \$300 million in New Organic Transition Initiative**

*Thank you*  
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# TURNIP THE BEET

**with high quality summer meals!**

The **Turnip the Beet Award**, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious.

## Who is eligible, and how do they apply?

All Summer Meal Programs sponsors in good standing, including Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors, may be eligible for a **Turnip the Beet Award**. Sponsors who used USDA waivers in response to COVID-19 are eligible. Sponsors may self-nominate or be nominated by another party. Each State agency determines their own deadline for nominations. The nomination must include a completed Nomination Form and a detailed one-month menu. FNS evaluates and scores the nominations and notifies the winners in writing. The Nomination Form is available on the **Turnip the Beet** webpage <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>.

## How are nominations evaluated?

Nominations must clearly illustrate how the meals are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. The Nomination Form includes short-answer questions and menu criteria based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The criteria include serving local foods, a variety of vegetables and fruit, whole grains, and low-fat and fat-free milk. For more detailed information on the **Turnip the Beet Award** and the evaluation criteria, check out the **Turnip the Beet** webpage.

## What are the prizes?

Three award levels are available: gold; silver; and bronze. All winners receive a certificate. Silver and gold winners will be featured on USDA's blog, and gold winners will be identified on FNS' summer site finder (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>).

## Questions?

Questions regarding the **Turnip the Beet Awards** should be directed to your Summer Meals State agency: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/sfsp-contacts>.

## Resources

FNS has an abundance of resources available for sponsors to help make the summer meals they serve more appetizing, appealing, and nutritious:

- The **Nutrition Guide for Sponsors** (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2018-nutrition-guide>) includes tips for serving high quality meals and incorporating local foods, as well as sample cycle menus.
- The **Farm to Summer factsheet** (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/farm-summer-ripe-local-foods>) describes how to "bring the farm" to summer sites.
- The **Summer Meals Toolkit** (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-meals-toolkit>) offers healthy menu planning ideas and tips for serving meals family style.
- The **Team Nutrition Resource Library** (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/resource-library>) has free nutrition education materials.

**OMB Burden Disclosure Statement:** This information is being collected to assist the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in recognizing high quality summer meals. This is a voluntary collection and FNS will use the information to determine Turnip the Beet award winners. This collection does not request personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0658. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Alexandria, VA 22306 ATTN: PRA (0584-0658). Do not return the completed form to this address.



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COMPREHENSIVE IN-PERSON  
ONE DAY TRAININGS

& TOPIC-SPECIFIC VIRTUAL  
1-2 HOUR TRAININGS



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