Monday Morning  
October 14, 2019

Feeding Bodies. Fueling Minds.

Monday Morning is the bi-weekly School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania newsletter that keeps our members up to date with member professional growth and advocacy opportunities!

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**Chapter Chatter**

**Members Connection to Local Meetings!**

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**Chapter 7**  
November 7, 2019  
Bucks County Youth Center  
More info to come....

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**Chapter 19- Red Rose**  
November 7, 2019  
PA Diary Farm Tour-Hess Family Farms

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**Chapter 26 – Westmoreland**  
November 13, 2019  
Time 4:30 pm- 6:30 PM  
Greater LaTrobe School District  
Serving Students- More than Lunch

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**Chapter 23 - Alo-Mar**  
Braddock Farm Tour  
October 15, 2019  
Transportation departs from FSC at 3 PM  
The visit will entail a tour of the farm, and a discussion pertaining to experiences in the cafeteria and the value of farm to school. Food and transportation will be provided, all participants will receive professional development credits.

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**Chapter 32- Cumberland**  
January 9, 2020  
Chambersburg High School  
5:00 PM

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**Chapter 35 - Gnaden Huetten**  
Thursday October 24, 2019  
Pleasant Valley Elementary School  
Meeting Time- 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

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**Chapter 21- Southeastern**  
October 15, 2019  
Hatboro Horsham- Simmons Elementary School  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Email for more information: JOldsey@Hatboro-Horsham.org

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**Chapter 33**  
November 14, 2019  
Harriton HS  
Lower Merion SD  
Email for more information: bwatts@neacademy.net  
Key Impact is providing dinner. Culinary Hands on production in groups. Wheel of Fortune NSLP/SBP Game, Raffle Baskets, Vote on Changing name of Chapter from North Montgomery to Yellow Rose - North Montgomery

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**Chapter 10- Clear Cen**  
October 28, 2019  
Philipsburg-Osceola Area Middle School District  
5:30 PM  

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**SNAPA Webinars are recorded for members to view at their convenience!**  
Click here to view SNAPA recorded webinars.
National School Lunch Week
October 14-18, 2019
Click here for great National School Lunch Week Resources!

Five Ways to Create Community and Social Buzz for NSLW 2019!
Make some noise about what’s on your School Lunch Playlist for National School Lunch Week to gain momentum within your community and on your social media platforms with these resources! Learn More.

Celebrate October!

Tuesday October 8th- National Fluffernutter Day
Tuesday October 8th - National Pierogi Day
Tuesday October 8th- Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 12th - National Farmers Day
Monday October 14th- Columbus Day
Wednesday October 16th - National Boss’s Day
Thursday October 17th- National Pasta Day
Monday, October 21th - National Apple Day
Monday, October 28th - National Chocolate Day
Tuesday October 29th - National Oatmeal Day
Thursday, October 31st- Halloween

SNF School Equipment Grant

The Application Window for the 2020 SNF Equipment Grant is Now Open!
Winston Foodservice, Hobart, Vulcan and the School Nutrition Foundation have been teaming up for over a decade to help schools in need to upgrade their kitchens. We're happy to donate ten pieces of new CVap® equipment to the school system that can benefit the most, as selected by the SNF. Click here for information on the application process.

USDA Commodity Reminder

Now is a good time to check your commodity banks, NOI and usage reports to make sure...

1. Are you getting NOI processing credit on your invoices?
2. Are your commodity banks drawing down as expected?
3. Are you getting the brown box commodities you ordered?
Governor Wolf Announces First Round of PA Farm Bill Grants, $500,000 to Build Urban Ag Infrastructure

INFRASTRUCTURE, PRESS RELEASE

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf today announced the approval of $500,000 in Urban Agriculture Grants to fund 28 projects that will help build urban ag infrastructure while providing opportunities for entrepreneurship and community-building throughout the state.

“Urban agriculture is about more than just growing food; it’s about growing our communities and our economy, it’s about increasing quality of life,” said Governor Tom Wolf. “In addition to urban gardens providing places to work and learn, they aggregate fresh, local products to combat food insecurity and improve access to healthy, nutritious food.”

In July of this year, Governor Wolf signed Act 40 to create the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program, part of the state’s first-ever Pennsylvania Farm Bill, which provides both microgrants, for one-time projects or single applicants and up to $2,500 in funding, and macro grants, for projects that demonstrate cooperative or regional efforts with multiple partners and up to $50,000 in funding. The $500,000 in total urban agriculture grant funding will benefit 28 projects in Allegheny, Butler, Erie, Lawrence, Northampton, Philadelphia, and York counties.

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. “I look forward to seeing Pennsylvania’s urban communities flourish thanks to these seeds sown by the Pennsylvania Farm Bill.”

For more information on the Pennsylvania Farm Bill, visit agriculture.pa.gov

SNAP-Ed FOOD DATA CENTRAL LAUNCHED

NUTRIENT PROFILE DATA AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

SNAP-Ed Connection News

Check out this fantastic new resource, managed by Agricultural Resource Services and hosted by the National Agricultural Library of the USDA:

FoodData Central

FoodData Central is an integrated data system that provides expanded nutrient profile data and links to related agricultural and experimental research.

FoodData Central:

- Includes five distinct types of data containing information on food and nutrient profiles, each with a unique purpose.
- Provides a broad snapshot in time of the nutrients and other components found in a wide variety of foods and food products.
- Presents data that come from a variety of sources and are updated as new information becomes available.
- Includes values that are derived through a variety of analytic and computational approaches, using state-of-the-art methodologies and transparent presentation.

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Grant Opportunity for Pennsylvania Schools Expanding School Breakfast Participation

Grants are available to support schools with the purchase of approved equipment, materials and initiatives facilitating alternative breakfast delivery models, such as breakfast in the classroom, grab and go, or second chance breakfast, to increase student participation in school breakfast.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Click the link for more information.
PA Legislator Introduces School Meal Bill to Congress

Two new bills impacting school nutrition programs were introduced in September 2019:

Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA), Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Rep. David Trone (D-MD) and Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE) have introduced H.R. 4259, the Schools Preventing Hunger in At-Risk Kids (SPARK) Act, a bipartisan bill that extends categorical eligibility to over 400,000 children who currently live with grandparents or in other arrangements such as kinship care.

Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL) introduced H.R. 4265, the Healthy Breakfast Help Kids Learn Act of 2019 which would strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program (SBP) by proving additional federal support to those schools participating in the SBP.

Friends of the Earth and Healthy School Food Maryland, along with our partners, are pleased to invite SNAPA members to the Chesapeake Region Greening School Food Forum & Festival.

What: The fourth in a series of regional forums around the country, this dynamic event is focused on healthy, climate-friendly school foodservice. During the forum portion of the day, participants will have opportunities to cultivate new relationships and learn from school food leaders across the region about how they have employed cost-effective approaches to implement healthy, plant-forward menus, reduce food waste, and increase student participation and engagement. The event also includes a Festival where students and their families will have the opportunity to cook with a professional chef, attend health and wellness workshops, and sample the creations of the chef-led student participants. The festival will also feature local producers who will have the opportunity to network and offer product samples to regional foodservice directors and families.

When: Friday, November 8, 2019, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Forum is 8:45 am - 3:30 pm, Festival runs 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Where: Thomas Edison High School of Technology, 12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Why: With seven billion meals served annually by K-12 schools, shifting menus toward more plant-forward options and increasing sourcing from local, organic farms is a powerful lever for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful impacts of industrial food, while leading towards a generational shift toward healthier eating.

Who:

Forum: Stakeholders in K-12 foodservice, including foodservice directors, school nutritionists and staff, foodservice operators, sustainability coordinators, policymakers, and non-profits working on healthy and sustainable food solutions. (CE credit will likely be offered for attendance.)

Festival: All the above plus parents, students, chefs and community members.

How: Click here to register via EventBrite.