



NEWSLETTER

MONDAY MORNING



Check out this amazing exhibit focusing on school lunch coming to the Science History Institute Museum & Library on September 27th in Philly! We hope you check out this incredible opportunity!

The opening event is Friday, 9/27 at 3rd and Chestnut, the cost is free but Registration is required.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



September is Hunger Action Month! Help #UniversalScoolMeals by inviting your friends and family to follow their page and get involved!



SNIC25 Scholarships Open

Need some help making it to SNA's School Nutrition Industry Conference (SNIC25)? We've got you covered!

The School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) is offering scholarships for SNA members, amounts of \$1,000 and \$1,400, to help offset the costs of attending SNIC25, January 19-21, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona. **Apply today!**

The application deadline for all SNIC scholarships is Friday, October 18.

Previous Attendee Application

Attended SNIC before? Click the button below to review full eligibility requirements and to fill out the previous attendee scholarship application.

To apply, you must be a current school nutrition employee, manager or director-level SNA member as of September 1, 2023

[Click Here](#)

First-Timer Application

Never attended SNIC? Click the button below to review full eligibility requirements and to fill out the first time attendee scholarship application.

To apply, you must be a current school nutrition employee, manager or director-level SNA member as of September 1, 2023.

[Click Here](#)

Attention 2024 SNAPA Conference Attendees!

To access CEUs...

Search by session title in PrimeroEdge

For a reminder on session titles, click

[HERE](#) for the Conference Agenda

School Meal Payment Platform Fees

FRAC recently met with the National Economic Council to discuss the “junk fees” that are associated with school meal payment platforms. Note: We are not talking about school meal fees but rather the fees that families sometimes pay when loading money onto their school meal accounts.

[Report Access](#)



National School Lunch Week is Quickly Approaching!

October 14-18

NSLW24 Toolkit, Activity Guide & Coloring Pages, Social Media Kit and Merch are now available. Order your gifts and promotional items to celebrate 2024 NSLW! [Order Form Here](#)

[Toolkit](#)

Job Opening!

Norristown Area School District is hiring for an Assistant Director of Food Service! All applicants must apply online at www.nasd.k12.pa.us. Once on the Human Resources page, click the Employment Opportunities Page to Apply and View Available Positions.

[Learn More!](#)

Recap of Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition Hearing on School Meals

- Sen. Fetterman conveyed his support for the Universal School Meals Program Act and highlighted his frustration that school meal debt is something children need to worry about.
- Crystal FitzSimons, President of the Food Research and Action Center, was the first person to testify. Her full written testimony submitted for the record [is available here](#).
- Secretary Redding, PA Department of Agriculture, shared that Pennsylvania has established a free breakfast program and it has led to a 23% increase in participation.
- Nichole Taylor, the SNA Chair in PA, talked about how CEP saves families paperwork and prevents the accrual of meal debt. She highlighted how stigma keeps some families from filling out school meal forms or kids eating school meals. Nichole said CEP ensures no student is hungry and eliminates inequity in cafeterias.
- Dr. Bruening with Penn State talked about the benefits of salad bars and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- Sen Warnock (D-GA) called attention to the role Summer EBT can play in reducing hunger and said feeding kids should not be partisan. He hopes Georgia will use Summer EBT next year.
- Crystal FitzSimons used a question from Sen. Boozman (R-AR) to highlight New York's CEP subsidy and how it makes CEP financially viable for more schools.

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

National Farm to School Month

October is National Farm to School Month, a time for schools, early care and education sites, farms, communities, agencies, and organizations to celebrate food education, school gardens and lunch trays filled with healthy, local ingredients! The PA Farm to School Network is providing a variety of ways to help you celebrate: join the upcoming [virtual open house](#) on September 26th, participate in the [multimedia story-telling contest](#) and encourage your legislators to [support farm to school related policy](#). Learn more about these opportunities and others in [this blog post](#).

PA Preferred Days

Register today for PA Preferred Days.

This promotional program incentivizes schools to choose one day during National Farm to School Month in October, to commit to serving as many PA grown and produced products as possible.

- all schools that register receive access to promo materials
- first 20 schools that sign up and are willing to host visitors will receive a \$500 sponsorship stipend



Tray of the Month Begins October 1st

Winners will receive an award and be featured on SNAPA social media, website and in SNAPA Happenings.

Requirements:

- Meet the USDA National School Breakfast or National School Lunch Meal Patterns, clearly showing all components (i.e. including fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternate and fluid milk as applicable)
- Include a description of the meal menu items
- Indicate the location and date of service
- Be attractively plated and photographed
- Include one local item

Email tray photos with descriptions to: Communication@SNAPA.org

Thank You Partners!



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