

CHILD NUTRITION

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Get in the Game with School Lunch...



Little Rock School District celebrated National School Lunch Week October 13-17, 2014 with a visit from USDA Under Secretary Kevin Concannon and Arkansas First Lady Ginger Beebe. The Western Hills Elementary School in Little Rock hosted the event which started with a presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Students, staff, and special guests were part of the program, including songs by the Mabelvale Middle School Choir and a welcome by the Western Hills Principal Teresa Richardson. The Little Rock School District Superintendent Dr. Dexter Suggs and the Child Nutrition Director Dr. Lilly Bouie provided remarks, followed by Suzanne Davidson of the Arkansas Child Nutrition Unit. The Western Hills Band provided entertainment, and the program closed with remarks from Dr. Sadie Mitchell, Associate Superintendent Elementary Education.

Many schools across Arkansas and the nation celebrated National School Lunch Week. The Arkansas Child Nutrition Unit encourages all schools to use these celebratory weeks as an opportunity to market their school food service!!



FFVP

Applications

Due Friday,

March 14, by

4:30 pm!

CNU welcomes our
new team members!

Evonne Rayson

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable
Program Grant Coordinator

Saraj Goldberg

Administrative Assistant



Strong-Huttig School District

Website Change!

The Child Nutrition website is now under the Arkansas Department of Education umbrella website. Simply go to www.arkansased.org. Click on "C" and find the "Child Nutrition Unit" link. This link will take you to the Child Nutrition homepage. You will recognize many of the links on the left hand side of the homepage as they correspond with many of the heading you may remember from the old website. The Commissioner's Memos related to Child Nutrition are listed under "CN Related Commissioner's Memos." If you have trouble locating something on our new website, please do not hesitate to call the office. Also, be sure to browse the new site for updated information and details about specific programs and projects. The old website at cnn.k12.ar.us is no longer available.



Farm to School Grant Recipients

Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute

Little Rock, Arkansas

Grant Type: Conference and Event – Regional; \$49,918

Building on our farm to school work through the Arkansas Grow Healthy Study, we will conduct multiple regional summits in the spring and summer of 2015. Attendees will include local farmers, child nutrition

staff, city administrators, health professionals, education professionals, and community members (up to 50 attendees per summit). Each event will focus on drawing attendance from one regional area, including Arkansas and its six bordering states (Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas). The objectives are to train child nutrition staff in knowledge and skills to menu, procure, market, and

prepare local foods in schools; to educate farmers about the Arkansas Market Maker program, school food safety requirements, and how to conduct business with schools; and to create new connections between community partners who support farm to school and child nutrition staff who need help finding farmers, planning events, and building a program around local procurement efforts.

Lawrence County School District

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Grant Type: Implementation; \$100,000

The Lawrence County Farm to School Initiative is a project based on implementing the comprehensive plan developed with support from a 2013 USDA Farm to School planning grant.

Activities will allow the three school districts (Lawrence County, Hoxie, and Sloan □ Hendrix) to concentrate on the development of the local/regional food procurement, school gardening, and integrated curriculum modules that were central to the vision developed in the three year farm to school plan.



The Staff of ADE Child Nutrition Unit



Back (Left to Right): Maggie Bell, Area Specialist Central AR; Patricia Winders, Assistant Director of Program Administration; Teresa Deluca, Executive Secretary; Saraj Goldberg, Area Specialist Secretary; Donna Ratliff, Grants Coordinator; Stephanie Alsbrook, Assistant Director of Healthy Schools; Kristen Kaiser-Allen, West Central AR Area Specialist; Jerry Swope, North West Central AR Area Specialist; Dianna Sheppard, Accountant; Louann Griswood, Accounting Coordinator; Cindy Grizzelle, Administrative Specialist; Lance Howell, Computer Support Coordinator; Stephanie Starks, Administrative Specialist; Rita Hamilton, North West AR Area Specialist

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Child Nutrition Unit Recognized

The Arkansas Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit (ADE, CNU) was recently awarded the Direct Certification Performance Award for substantial improvement in direct certification by the United States Department of Agriculture. ADE, CNU is in the final stages of the grant implementation process for a Direct Certification Grant. As most of you know, the grant has

been used to update the process for directly certifying SNAP Eligible Students through the Direct Certification Portal.

Left to Right: Suzanne Davidson, Director ADE, CNU; Patricia Winders, Assistant Director of Program Administration ADE, CNU; Janey Thornton, Deputy Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services USDA



Enter the 2015 NET Poster Contest!!!

Theme: Bite Into a Healthy Lifestyle

See Commissioner's Memo FIN-15-036

Entries Due April 1

Summer is right around the corner!

Start thinking about summer feeding!

CNU offers Seamless Summer Option and

Regular Summer Meals Program

DHS offers Summer Food Service Program

Consider This!!!

Community Eligibility Provision

For your school or district

For SY 2015-2016

Change the routine and increase participation with Alternate Breakfast!

Breakfast in the Classroom

Grab and Go

Second Chance Breakfast


Start planning for SY 2015-2016! Grants are available!

Marketing Tips and Ideas

Remember to review your marketing plans at the beginning of each semester! The New Meal Deal Marketing Toolkits are a great resource for new ideas for getting positive nutrition messages out to your students, parents, staff, and administration.

- Holidays are a great time to decorate the serving line or cafeteria (See page 2 pumpkin photo)
- Include nutrition tips or recipes on menus (left)
- Consider applying for the Healthier US School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms
- Utilize Team Nutrition Resource Library at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/resource-library>
- Utilize the "Serving up Farm to YOU!" educational display from the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service by visiting <http://www.uaex.edu/health-living/food-nutrition/youth/farm-to-you.aspx>
- Involve your Wellness Committees

Don't Be a "Turkey" Eat Healthy!
by Vanessa Whala
Next week at S.C. Tucker, the cafeteria will be offering....



"Gobble" down this healthy, Thanksgiving snack idea! This nutritious treat can be made with the help of an adult. You'll need celery, carrots, cucumbers, and green, red, or yellow bell peppers. First, wash the vegetables well. Then, have an adult help you by thinly slicing the vegetables. This festive cup has a low-fat ranch dip at the bottom. To make the ranch dip you'll need:

- 1/3 cup plain Greek-style nonfat yogurt
- 1/3 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives
- Salt to taste

Add about 2 tablespoons of ranch to the bottom of each cup, and then add several slices of vegetables. You can add a turkey face on the cup too. All I can tell you, is that it's so good, that it will make you GOOBLE!!!!!

DANVILLE MIDDLE NOVEMBER 17 TH LUNCH MENU		
BREAKFAST	Main Item Menu	ALL CAPS
CEREAL-GRAHAM OR CHEESY B BUNCH MEAL & JUICE \$1.17 GRAB&GO CEREAL & BUNDT	MEATLESS NOODLES/PIZZA BREADED BEEF PATTY POTATOS GARDEN PEAS TENDER SAUSAGE RANCH SAUCED FRESH FRUIT MEAL \$1.12 BULK \$ 1.12 PEARS	ROASTED CHICKEN CROQUETTES CASH ON SALES IN ACCOUNT FRESH FRUIT
CEREAL-GRAHAM OR PANCAKE SAUSAGE ON A STICK MEAL & JUICE \$1.12 GRAB&GO PANCAKE SAUSAGE ON A STICK	BEAN & CHEESE FLATBREAD VEGETABLE FRESH CHICKEN FRESH CHICKEN SANDWICH MEAL \$1.13 SANDWICH MEAL WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 18 TH	CHICKEN SANDWICH BREAD FRESH CHICKEN CASH ON SALES IN ACCOUNT FRESH FRUIT
CEREAL - GRAMM OR BREAD & BUTTER MEAL & JUICE \$1.12 GRAB & GO MEAL ABOUT 10:30	FRISKY SLURP/GRUYERE SWISS POTATOS GRANDMA'S POT MEANS GRANDMA'S MEAL BULK MEAL \$1.12 APPLE MEXICAN Thursday, NOV 19 TH 2014	PIZZA MEAL CASH ON SALES IN ACCOUNT FRESH FRUIT
CEREAL-GRAHAM OR BREAD & BUTTER MEAL & JUICE \$1.12 GRAB&GO BREAD & BUTTER PIZZA	BEAN MEAL OR BEEF SANDWICH MEAL SANDWICH MEAL MEAL \$1.12 IN A CRACKER COOKIE \$1.13 SANDWICH MEAL Friday, NOVEMBER 20 TH 2014	LAMBCHOP BAKED CHIPS CASH ON SALES IN ACCOUNT FRESH FRUIT
CEREAL-GRAHAM OR BREAD & BUTTER MEAL & JUICE \$1.12 GRAB & GO CEREAL BAR & STRING CHEESE \$1.13 AT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	FRESH NOODLES/PIZZA VEGETABLE SANDWICHES TENDER SAUSAGE CHICKEN SANDWICH \$1.12 SANDWICH MEAL EMPLOYEE & PARENTS	CHICKEN SANDWICH TATER TOTS MEAL CASH ON SALES IN ACCOUNT FRUIT

Danville School District

Celebrate National School Breakfast Week 2015

"Make the Grade with School Breakfast!"

ADE Commissioner's Communication Memos

The following Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner's Communication Memos relate to Child Nutrition Programs. A complete list can be accessed on the Child Nutrition Web page at <http://www.arkansaschildnutrition.org>

[FIN-15-058](#): Updated E-Rate Guidance for Schools Electing Community Eligibility Provision

[FIN-15-055](#): Eligibility Effective Date for Directly Certified Students

[FIN-15-053](#): Determining Allowable School Fundraiser

[FIN-15-052](#): Food Consumption Outside of the Foodservice Area

[FIN-15-050](#): Farm to School and School Garden Expenses

[FIN-15-049](#): Food / Beverage as an Entrepreneurial Enterprise

[FIN-15-048](#): Enhancing the School Food Safety Program

[FIN-15-047](#): Disaster Response

[FIN-15-046](#): Offer versus Serve Guidance - Updated for School Year 2014-15

[FIN-15-045](#): Guidance Related to the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 and Implications to Child Nutrition Programs

[FIN-15-044](#): School Food Service Account Revenue from the Sale of Non-Program Foods

[FIN-15-041](#): On-line Fees in School Meals Programs

[FIN-15-036](#): 2015 Nutrition Education Poster Contest

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