



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Summer Food Service Program, What's New*

### **National Summer Learning Day is July 12**

National Summer Learning Day provides an ideal opportunity to partner with libraries, schools, and community organizations to incorporate fun learning opportunities into the Summer Food Service Program, not only on July 12, but all month long. Check out the video message from KSDE Commissioner Randy Watson at <https://youtu.be/1tvwjiw58Tk>.

### **Check Your Mail!**

All Sponsors have been mailed a Nutrition Education & Activity Guide. This fun and innovative guide can assist with incorporating fun and interactive nutrition education activities at SFSP meal service sites! We encourage you to use this guide to plan a nutrition education activity on National Summer Learning Day or throughout the SFSP!

### **USD 113 Prairie Hills Uses Social Media to Bring the Farm to Summer!**

Brooke Brubeck, Food Service Director at USD 113 Prairie Hills has a successful history of using social media outlets to promote School Nutrition Programs and the Summer Food Service Program. Recently Brooke saw a Facebook posting by Glacier Rock Organic Produce in Netawaka. Brooke reached out to Glacier Rock and was able to serve strawberries and Athena melons in the Summer Food Service Program. Brooke uses social media to locate local producers and also to let producers know that USD 113 is looking for local foods to incorporate in summer and school menus. Brooke posts several times throughout the late summer months and beginning of fall that USD 113 is always happy to help out with garden surplus! Brooke says "The kids are always excited to see that something is local, and if there's a special sign denoting that item, it almost always goes first".

### **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadlines**

- May claim by 7/30/18
- June claim by 8/29/18
- July claim by 9/29/18

### **FRAC Releases 2018 Summer Meals Report**

The Food Research and Action Center released its 2018 report analyzing July summer meal participation across the U.S. **Kansas saw significant growth in 2017 and was one of only 15 states to see an increase in July participation from 2016 to 2017.** Read the Summer Nutrition Status Report at <http://frac.org/research/resource-library/hunger-doesnt-take-a-vacation-summer-nutrition-status-report-june-2018> The report measures participation in the Summer Nutrition Programs both in absolute numbers and by comparing the number of children receiving summer meals to the number of low-income children receiving school lunch during the regular school year. The regular school year is used as a benchmark because such a high proportion of low-income children eat school lunch on regular school days.

The temperatures are soaring this month in Kansas but that hasn't stopped the hard work, enthusiasm and creativity of Kansas SFSP Sponsors! July is Lunch Across Kansas and we want to hear from you! Email pictures of Lunch Across Kansas events to [kchanay@ksde.org](mailto:kchanay@ksde.org).

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