

Child Nutrition Thursday Update



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Child Nutrition Website - <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition>

Child Nutrition List Serve Email - child.nutrition@maillist.informe.org

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Reminders

FFVP Applications: Please do not make any changes to your SY 2026 FFVP applications. Some districts have gone in and tried to resubmit. Once they are in “approved” status no further action is needed on your part.

FFVP Usage Report: To check your funding amounts, go to the CNP web Reports tab-Accounting Reports-FFVP Usage. Then select 2026 and your School District. See example below of how to read the report. The “Amount” heading and “Oct-Sept” column lists the allocations for each participating school.

FFVP Usage Report

Filter Criteria :


Fiscal Year	District	As Of
2026	Athens Public Schools	8/20/2025 11:14:07 AM

School	Amount		Balance		Usage	
	PY Rollover	Oct - Sept	PY Rollover	Oct - Sept	PY Rollover	Oct - Sept
District: Athens Public Schools (1629)						
Athens Community School (906)	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	0.00%	0.00%
District Total	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	\$1,659.11	\$6,528.00	0.00%	0.00%


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Annual Financial Report



Districts that **do NOT** have an approved 2025 Annual Financial Report by **October 31, 2025**, ***will not be able to receive a claim payment*** until the report is approved.



The Districts below have not submitted their
2025 Annual Financial Report

Easton Public Schools

Maine Central Institute

Hope Public Schools

Opportunity Training Center

Lincolntown Public Schools

RSU 56

RSU 63/MSAD 63

RSU 82/MSAD 12

RSU 85/MSAD 19

Financial Open Office Hours with Jodi

Topic: Time Study / Labor Hours

November 13th, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Topic: Breakfast Meal Cost Breakdown

January 15th, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Topic: TBA

February 12th, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Topic: TBA

March 19th, 1:30-2:30pm

Topic: Annual Financial Report

May 19th, 1:30-2:30pm

Please email jodi.truman@maine.gov for the link to attend.

Maine Regional Local Foods Project Survey

Our Maine Regional Local Foods Project is in full swing again! This year, every district will have access to a regional local foods coordinator. Whether you have a robust farm & sea to school program, or are just starting out, your Local Foods Coordinator is here to support you!

As part of this project, you are invited to participate in our local foods survey. Please note you must take this survey to receive assistance from your Regional Local Foods Coordinator.

Click [HERE](#) to access our local foods survey.

Coordinators can help you with:

- Participating in Farm & Sea to School programming
 - i.e. Maine Harvest of the Month, the State Local Foods Fund, Fishermen Feeding Mainers
- Expanding local purchasing
- Developing skills for scratch cooking and preparing local foods
- And more!

The deadline for completing the survey is **November 14th**.

Below is a list of each region's Regional Local Foods Coordinator with their contact information.

Aroostook: Roxanne Bruce, roxanne.bruce@maine.gov

Cumberland & York: Ali Mediate, ali.mediate@maine.gov

Mid-coast (Lincoln, Knox, Sagadahoc) & Western ME (Oxford, Androscoggin, Franklin): Catherine Brown, catherine.brown@maine.gov

Hancock: Sandy Fortin, sandy.fortin@maine.gov

Washington: Vanessa Young, vanessa.young@maine.gov

Penquis: Amanda Junkins, Amanda.junkins@maine.gov

Kennebec Valley (Waldo & Kennebec): Allie Moulton, Alessandra.Moulton@maine.gov

Farm to School Cook-Off

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

[Register for the 2026 Farm to School Cook Off](#)

Registration will be open until **December 31, 2025**

This year's challenge ingredients are

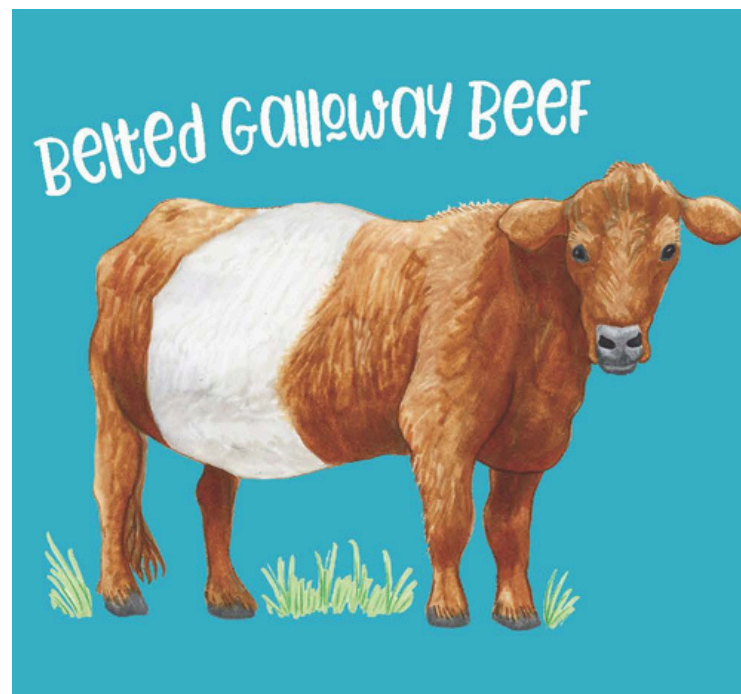
Breakfast - **Wild Blueberries**

Lunch - **Ground Beef**

Rules and Guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/localfoods>

If you have any questions please contact Stephanie, Michele or Katie



At Risk Afterschool

Super Snack aka CACFP Supper Ideas!!

SUPER SNACK ***SUPPER MADE SIMPLE!*** ***AGES 6-18***

A Super Snack is another name for a CACFP supper offered in afterschool programming. It's designed to be easy to serve, kid-friendly and quick to eat. Super Snacks include all five required meal components to meet CACFP supper guidelines. Many programs use the term "Super Snack" to help families feel comfortable knowing their child is receiving a nutritious evening meal, while still honoring the role parents play in serving supper at home.

POWER PACK

- Whole wheat muffin (1 oz eq)
- Boiled egg (1 large egg = 2 oz eq)
- Sugar snap peas (½ cup)
- Orange wedges (¼ cup)
- Unflavored low-fat or fat-free milk (1 cup)



PITA PICNIC

- Whole grain pita triangles (1 oz eq)
- Hummus (2 oz eq)
- Baby carrots (½ cup)
- Apple slices (¼ cup)
- Unflavored low-fat or fat-free milk (1 cup)

CRACKER STACKS

- Whole grain crackers (1 oz eq)
- Cubed chicken (2 oz eq)
- Cucumber slices (½ cup)
- Grapes (¼ cup)
- Unflavored low-fat or fat-free milk (1 cup)



WHY USE THE TERM 'SUPER SNACK'?

- Makes the meal sound fun and appealing to kids.
- Reinforces that supper can be snackable and nutritionally powerful.
- Addresses food insecurity.



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CACFP is an indicator of quality care.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Full Plates Full Potential Grant Opportunities

Full Plates has three open funding opportunities to support your meal programs this school year! Check out the details below and reach out to Finn at fmadden@fullplates.org with any questions.

Oakhurst Afterschool Meals Grant: The Oakhurst Afterschool Meals Grant supports CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Sponsors in providing meals to kids after the end of the school day. [Learn More & Apply](#)

School Meals Grant: The School Meals Grant supports projects that increase participation in and access to meals throughout the school day. [Learn More & Apply](#)

School Kitchen Equipment Grant: The School Kitchen Equipment Grant is for Maine school districts that are in need of new or repaired kitchen equipment.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Want to learn more about these grants and hear how others have used these funds? Watch the recording of our [Grants & Funding Webinar](#).

Child Nutrition Training

- AI of any kind will be removed from the virtual training.
- The links to register are in the training titles. (unless otherwise noted)
- We are unable to hold virtual and in person training simultaneously.
- All of our webinars are recorded and put on our website within a week of the training.
- Pay attention to registration deadline dates. Deadlines must be adhered to.
- Be sure to register to ensure that we have enough space for everyone.
- If there is a registration fee - Per Maine DOE policy, payment is due by credit card at the time of registration.
- Mark your calendars once you have registered.

If you have any questions about any of the Child Nutrition Training, please contact Paula at paula.nadeau@maine.gov

Webinars

paula.nadeau@maine.gov

USDA Foods in Your Menus and Planning for Next Year

October 27, 2025

1:30pm

Come learn ways to incorporate USDA foods in your menus and planning ahead for next year. We will also discuss important reminders and timelines to set schools up for success.

Train the Trainer

November 24, 2025

1:30pm

In addition to revisiting USDA/FNS professional standards, we will also explore strategies for equipping staff with the skills to train others effectively. Participants will leave with an understanding of the regulatory language, as well as tools for creating engaging, repeatable training sessions that strengthen program operations.

Did you miss last month's webinar?

You can view it by going to the [Webinars and Training](#) page of our website.

ServSafe Class/Exam

November 24th & 25th

Child Nutrition Office

Room 101

90 Blossom Lane, Augusta

November 24th - 8:00am-3:00pm

November 25th - 8:00am-approximately noon for exam

Please bring your lunch

You must provide an email address

Bring photo ID, pen, pencils and erasers

Testing will begin around noon on the 25th

Charge for the class is \$102 payable by
credit card at the time of registration

Registration Deadline is October 31st



Local Foods Training

Maine Sea to School Culinary Training

December 16, 2025

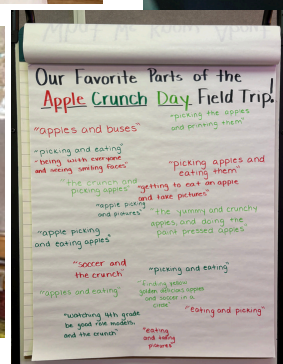
10:00am-1:00pm

Child Nutrition Culinary Classroom

90 Blossom Lane

Augusta

Join Maine DOE Child Nutrition, Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, and Gulf of Maine Research Institute for a hands-on culinary training! This training will highlight Maine caught fish; expect to learn different ways to prepare fish, safe handling, as well as methods to engage students with local seafood.



Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who submitted pictures and videos from the First Annual Maine Apple Crunch Day!!



Shout Outs!!

National School Lunch Week

Sebago Elementary School enjoyed a variety of global flavors for National School Lunch Week.

Tuesday - A Taste of Mexico- Chili Con Carne (mild)

Wednesday- Asian Flavors- General Tso's Chicken and Fortune Cookie (Student Favorite)

Thursday- Italian Cuisine- Stromboli (Student Favorite)

Friday- A Taste of Ireland- Shephard's Pie



Thank you for
sharing, Morgan!!



Maine Dairy & Nutrition Council Celebrates National School Lunch Week!!

During the National School Lunch Week, the Maine Dairy & Nutrition Council visited York High School, Minot Consolidated School, Brown Elementary School & Dyer Elementary School in South Portland. The schools received equipment grants- milk barrels and a bulk milk dispenser.

Katie Hoffman from the Maine Dairy & Nutrition Council send kudos to all the schools they visited saying staff at all schools couldn't have been nicer while working so hard and doing an amazing job nourishing our kids!

Thank you Katie!!

