



The Good News! JC Family Home Association, October 2025 Volume 12/Issue 1

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Please add our phone numbers to your contacts so you know who is calling you.

October is

National Food Days

Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Child Health Day Monday, October 6, 2002

Global Handwashing Day Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Pasta Day Friday, October 17, 2025

Chocolate Day Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Oatmeal Day Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Halloween Friday, October 31, 2025

National Food Months

Apple Month

Cranberry Month

Eat Better, Eat Together Month

Farm to School Month

Pasta Month

Popcorn Poppin' Month

[October Food Calendar](#)

Reimbursement table to include dates for when all supporting documents are due to the office. **The due date listed is the last possible date for the claim to be accepted. Your claim is due to the office on the 1st of every month with the grace period of up to the 5th working day of the month.**

Claim Month	All Supporting Documents* Due Date	Payment Date
September	October 17th, 2025	October 31st, 2025
October	November 13th, 2025	November 28th, 2025

- **Supporting documents** include, but not limited to: Cover sheet, Menus, Meal Attendance, Daily Attendance, Enrollments, and Meal Modification forms.

How many of you would like to receive your September claim reimbursement on Oct 24th instead of the 31st? I know it would be great to be able to do that. We will need your claim sent to us so we have time to process it. We will run two batches in October. The people who get their claim to us early will be paid early! Simple as that! I would like to think that everyone will be successful in doing this. To clarify the claim isn't just the menus and attendance forms, if you have new enrollment forms we need those and all supporting information on time all so.

Home Visits - In October Chris will start the unannounced visits again. We have shuffled the order around so some of you will think, "Chris was just here" 'cause she was! Some might run out of menus so be sure to let us know so we can mail those out to you. The time between visits will be as short as three months or as long as five months in between. The regulation states, "the timing of unannounced reviews must be varied and they may not follow a consistent, predictable pattern." We do our best to implement that and not go too long between visits. As an example if Chris comes on a Wednesday your paperwork needs to be filled out for Monday and Tuesday that week and all weeks prior to the visit. When it isn't available for review then you will receive a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and you will need to fill it out completely and return before the due date. Please be doing your paperwork daily. Menus filled out in advance and attendance filled out at the end of the day will keep you up to date!

JC Family Home Association is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

We are mailing out renewal packets for the new program year! In the packet is this newsletter, a letter from me - read and file, the appeal process - read and file, civil rights information - read and file. Civil rights half sheet, sign and return! Electronic submission form fill out sign and return! The forms are due back by November 14th! (2025!) The cover page has (2026!)

Have you wondered about all the different years we use in this program? We have a calendar year - Jan-Dec. We have a Fiscal year July - June. We have the Enrollment year Aug - July and the program year Oct - Sept!

We are having some problems with the effective date on the current forms - the date the parent puts on the form is the effective date now! If the child starts November 1, 2025, but the parent puts down November 16, 2025 then you will not be paid for the meals served on Nov 1-Nov 15!

We want to make it easier for you to stay informed! Visit our website, jcfamilyhomeassociation.com, where you can find the latest newsletter, important forms, and updates under the "What's New" tab—including closure dates and other announcements.

October is..!

Pumpkin month!

Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy pumpkins! Not only are they fun for decorating and carving, but also a great addition to fall baking and cooking.

What type of pumpkin should I use in baking?

You can start most of your pumpkin recipes with either canned or fresh pumpkin.

If you decide to use fresh pumpkin, make sure to get the right pumpkin for the job. Pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns usually are larger, with stringier pulp. Sugar or pie pumpkins generally are smaller, less stringy and work well in recipes.

To prepare your pumpkin for recipes, wash it, cut it in half, scoop out the seeds and microwave, bake or boil the pumpkin until the pulp is soft. Remove the skin, then mash it by hand or puree it in a food processor or blender.

Can I freeze pureed pumpkin?

Yes - Pumpkin puree freezes very well.

Measure cooled puree into one cup portions. Place in zip closure bags or rigid freezer containers.

Leave a half inch of space at the top of the containers. Label and date each container. Freeze for up to one year.

Use the puree in recipes or substitute in recipes calling for canned pumpkin in the same amount.

Help build a supportive community for success! #FuelingKSKids