**The Good News**

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July Is . . .

Berry Month

Blueberry Month

Grilling Month

Picnic Month

Culinary Arts Month

Ice Cream Month

July 3 - Eat Beans Day, July 4 - Independence Day - office closed, July 7 - Macaroni Day, July 17 - Ice Cream Day, July 28 - Hamburger Day, July 24 - 30 - Salad Week

 Source: http://food.unl.edu/fnh/april-food-calendar

**What's New**

Tentative Check Disbursement Dates

**Claim Month Payment Date**

April May 31, 2016

 May June 24, 2016

**June August 1, 2016**

**Claim Month Payment Date**

July August 31, 2016

 August September 30, 2016

 September October 29, 2016

**Office Closed Monday July 4, 2016**

**Important Reminders**

Heads UP: JCFHA will be doing Annual enrollments in August this year!

Providers, you may have noticed the expiration date on the green highlighted enrollments is July 31, 2016. We have mailed out an enrollment page, this page shows the children we have listed in your care; we need to know which children will be continuing with you in August and we will need to know how many enrollments to send you. We will mail out enrollment packets the last week of July and the enrollments are due back in August, it is very helpful to us to receive the enrollments before we receive your August claim the 1st part of September. This enrollment page can be scanned and e-mailed or you could just e-mail the # to us, we would also accept a picture of the form filled out and e-mailed to us. We are hoping you receive them before you mail your claim so you can include them with your claim. This is the first year we have done enrollments in August in a long time. We will still be doing renewal information in October. Thank you for helping us with this.

Pre-School and School Age Exceptions

Providers in Kansas are no longer required to fill-out pre-school and school age exception paperwork for the food program. The paperwork was helpful in letting us know who went to pre-school and when, so the enrollments will need to have the correct information and you will need to let us know when school is out on your coversheet. Pre-school exceptions are not good on non-school days.

Income Rates for 2016-2017 year

Income rates for July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 have been released and can be found on our website or you can request one sent to you by phone or e-mail. As a Tier 2 provider you will want to check your income against the guidelines to see if you would qualify to be paid Tier 1 by income. Maybe you are Tier 1 by school and not currently being reimbursed for your children check and see if you would qualify. If you are a Tier 2 Mixed provider and your families may qualify, then please call the office for the needed paperwork. Thank you.

CN Label Approved List – See Enclosed

The enclosed chart is the approved CN label/ Product Analysis Sheet list for July 2016 - September 2016. In October for the program year there will be an updated chart, if you have a product you would like to see on this list then send me the UPC code with brand and product name. Please keep in mind that Great Value, Kroger, Totino's and State Fair will not release the needed crediting information.

Milk Substitution

A new milk substitution chart is available on our website jcfamilyhomeassociation.com. This form lists the requirements that must be met in order for a substitution for milk to be creditable. The chart gives pictures of the products along with the qualifications. We need a meal modification form on file when serving one of these products and the product name needs to be listed on your claim along with a symbol on the menus that indicated when the product was served.

JCFHA Training

Online training for providers who did not attend a meeting starts July 5 through July 30. I signed everyone, who needs the class, up for the class, so please check your e-mail for a user name and password from Quia. Go to their website, click on the blue box and type in your username and password.

First Aid & CPR Trainings

Safety Training Solutions (Shawnee, Geary & Riley Counties) visit http://safetytrainingsolutions.net for schedule.

 CPR & First Aid by Tina (Northeast Kansas) call 785-221-3609 for schedule.



Staying Active Inside During Those Hot Summer Days

July is a great month to be outside and enjoy the summer weather. Unfortunately, sometimes July weather in Kansas can be too hot for young children to play outside. We all know how important it is for children to be active, even when they have to be inside, so why not try a fun game of Balloon Badminton. This is a simple activity that allows children to be creative and work on developing important motor skills. Here is what you will need:

•Tongue depressors

•Paper plates

•Glue

•Balloons

•Crayons (Optional)

•String (Optional)

To begin Balloon Badminton, the children will first need to make their rackets. The rackets are made by gluing one end of the tongue depressor to the back of the paper plate. The children may then use the crayons to draw on their paper plates for an extra arts and crafts activity. When the children are finished making the rackets, they can be paired up with another child. Each pair will be given a balloon that has already been blown up. The children can hit the balloon back and forth to each other while trying not to let it hit the ground. If the children are older and need more of a challenge, you can make a net by tying the string across the room so the children have to hit the balloon over the net to each other. Be creative and come up with many different variations to this activity to keep it fun and interesting. When the weather cools down take this activity outside for hours of fun!

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