



The Good News

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JC Family Home Association

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

October is . . .

- National Food Days
- Child Health Day - Monday, October 2, 2023
- Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- Global Handwashing Day - Sunday, October 15, 2023
- Pasta Day - Tuesday, October 17, 2023
- Chocolate Day - Saturday, October 28, 2023
- Oatmeal Day - Sunday, October 29, 2023
- Halloween - Tuesday, October 31, 2023
- National Food Weeks
- National School Lunch Week - Monday, October 9, 2023 to Friday, October 13, 2023
- Bone and Joint Health National Action Week - Thursday, October 12, 2023 to Friday, October 20, 2023
- National Food Months
- Apple Month
- Cranberry Month
- Eat Better, Eat Together Month
- Farm to School Month
- Pasta Month
- Popcorn Poppin' Month
- Pork Month
- Pumpkin Month
- Vegetarian Awareness 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 18, 2023	October 27, 2023
October	November 13, 2023	November 21, 2023

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

We have a new member to our team, Mrs. Peggy Smith, she is smart, funny, and kind. As the office manager she will be texting and calling you from the 785-762-2623 number. Peggy enjoys living life and she wants to help others. Peggy loves cats!

October claim is due early!!!! Make sure you mail or email us your claim by October 3rd!!! Don't wait or your October claim will be processed with your November claim and paid out in December.

Enrollment forms - We have to have the original top white copy of the enrollment form mailed to us!!!! I often ask you to email the form first then mail it so we can process your claim, but we need the original white copy!

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We will be mailing out the annual renewal packets (the packet you just took this newsletter out of). Most of the information is for you to read and file. A letter from me - read and file, Appeal process information - read and file, Civil rights information - read the information pages and the civil rights 1/2 sheet of paper needs to be signed by you and your helpers if you have them. You will need to return the top white copy to us. The Electronic Submission Form needs to be filled out and turned in. We need these forms by November 15, 2023.

- Starting in October, Chris will be doing home visits full time, which isn't actually a change. She won't be in the office processing claims as she normally would be at the beginning of the month. Just a heads up, she could come any time during the month. Most of you don't think we will be out early in the month. Be sure to have your paperwork up-to-date at all times!
- **Parent audits.** We conduct parent audits by mailing the parents a calendar and asking them to mark the days their children were in care with you and the meals the child should receive during the day. Then we ask the parents to email a picture of the calendar to us. We are required to do a few of these every year and I spread them out to 1 or 2 per month. It doesn't mean you are doing anything wrong. The idea is to show the integrity of the program. Parent contact information is important on their enrollment form because that is the address we use to mail the forms. When parents ask you about the forms, please let them know to fill it out and email us. Thank you.
- School information needs to be listed on your claim menu form or on the cover sheet, we don't know when school is out and we will disallow the school age child at lunch if you don't note on your claim that the children are out of school. We do have some district calendars which are nice but they don't include snow days, or other emergency closure days. Please help us out by writing it on your menus or cover sheet.

Celebrate October—it's Pork Month! Here's Top 5 facts to share about the pork industry.

1. There are more than 63,000 pig farmers in the U.S. Together, we produce 22 billion pounds of pork each year.
2. Pig farming is a 24/7/365 job and the responsibility of animal care is shared by everyone involved—from owners, farm managers, animal caretakers, veterinarians and transporters.
3. Life is better with bacon. The BLT first appeared in print during the 1950s for a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, but it had already been entered into common language in the late 1940s. We bet pig farmers were the ones to discover the deliciousness. Find more common links featuring bacon.
4. Pigs have a great sense of smell, but poor eyesight.
5. Don't call pigs slow—they can run a 7-minute mile!

Notice I chose information about pork month and not vegetarian awareness month. I could have gone with pasta or pumpkins, or maybe apples. Not cranberries for me though.

Text "welcome to the food program" to 785-762-2424

Do you want a 2024 calendar from us? Text "please don't forget to bring me a calendar to 785-579-5945. Just to be silly, text "stop eating and get to work!" to 785-307-4370.

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