

### What is National School Breakfast Week?



- In 1975, the School Breakfast Program (SBP) was granted permanent authorization by Congress.
- National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) was established in 1989 as an annual observance that promotes the value of a healthy school breakfast for students in K-12 schools.



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## **School Breakfast Program Participation**



 SBP participation reached nearly 15 million children in SY2018-19 but fell to 12.4 million during SY2019-20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today the program serves nearly 14 million students.



## **USDA Standards for Healthy Meals**



- The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required the USDA to update nutrition standards for the first time in 15 years.
- New regulations, effective in 2012, required cafeterias to offer more fruit, vegetables and whole grains and limit sodium, calories and unhealthy fat in school meals.



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## **USDA Standards for Healthy Meals**



- To receive federal reimbursements, "reimbursable" meals must meet strict federal nutrition standards.
- Standards were also established for snack foods.



### **Benefits of School Breakfast**

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- Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:
  - ✓ Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
  - ✓ Score higher on standardized tests
  - ✓ Have better concentration and memory
  - ✓ Be more alert
  - ✓ Maintain a healthy weight







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### Why Celebrate NSBW?



- All activities that help students engage with one another and school staff are valuable to children's ongoing emotional well-being.
- National observances tend to get the attention of the media.
- NSBW campaigns help to elevate and raise visibility of the school nutrition profession.



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### **Past NSBW Celebrations**









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### Introducing "DIG IN"

 The 2023 fun theme taps into children's fascination with all things building and construction related, encouraging students to become Breakfast Builders and construct healthy meals to be more successful.



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# 3 Key Goals of the NSBW National Campaign



- Promote Healthy Meals & Engage Students
  - Promote nutritious and delicious school menus and engage students through themed activities to increase school breakfast participation.







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- 2. Raise Community Awareness
  - Raise awareness with parents, administration and the media about the benefits of school meals and the importance of school nutrition professionals.







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#### 3. Expand the Market

 Using a mix of social media and other PR & marketing materials, bring attention to healthy breakfast options available at schools to reach new audiences.







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### **DIG IN to the NSBW Menu**







[Add examples of new recipes and/or menu you're serving during NSBW here. Highlight your healthy recipes!]



#### **For Parents**

- Remind parents about the benefits of school breakfast with our infographic and offer to speak at PTA meetings.
- Share SNA's TrayTalk blog and Facebook page for them to learn more about school meals.
- Encourage students & parents to regularly review breakfast menus together to start a dialogue about healthy eating.











### **Get Local Officials Involved**

- Request the mayor or other city official to proclaim March 6-12, 2023, as National School Breakfast Week.
- Invite your elected officials to visit your school/district during NSBW, take a "hardhat" tour, and have breakfast with the students.
- Send out a press release and invite the media to visit along with officials and/or local celebrities.



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#### **Teachers & Administrators**

- Invite the principal or other special guest to work the line and serve breakfast. Provide them with some #NSBW23 gear from the SNA shop!
- Sponsor an NSBW "Breakfast Builder" art or writing activity or contest.
- Use NSBW coloring and activity sheets to engage younger students.











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