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Alaska School Nutrition Association Newsletter

2015

Monthly Highlights!

- Mark your calendars! AKSNA's Annual Conference is Feb. 17-19, 2016 at the BP Center. A tentative agenda will be coming soon.
- **Make It Local: Recipes for Alaska's Children** is a new cookbook just completed by Alaska Child Nutrition Programs. To check out this amazing resource go to: https://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/cookbook/Make_It_Local.pdf.
- Update on Child Nutrition Reauthorization – The Senate Agriculture Committee's Chair and Ranking Member, Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) recently provided insight into the status of Child Nutrition Reauthorization legislation in Congress. Both Roberts and Stabenow agree that there is still more to work through and expect that a bill will be available in January or early February 2016. SNA will continue to monitor the status of Child Nutrition Reauthorization in Congress and will keep SNA members informed as updates arise.

Dates to Remember:

- Jan 17-19, 2016 – School Nutrition Industry Conf. San Diego, CA
- Feb 17-19, 2016 – AKSNA Conference Anchorage, AK
- Feb 28-Mar 1, 2016 – Legislative Action Conference Washington, DC
- March 7-11, 2016 – National School Breakfast Week
- April 20-22, 2016 – National Leadership Conference Baltimore, MD
- May 6, 2016 – School Lunch Hero Day
- July 10-13, 2016 – Annual National Conference San Antonio, TX

CALLING ALL SCHOOL NUTRITION STAFF AKSNA is having a contest!

Do you ever wonder how other school districts food service runs? Now is your chance to highlight your operation as well as see what everyone else is doing.

Alaska is such a big, diverse state that comes with many challenges. We want to see some of these challenges... we would like to do a video blog!

1. Start by taking a series of short videos of a typical day/week of your operation, from ordering (if you have to order a month/year out, or any other challenges) to delivery (it came in spoiled? Didn't come in...) to storing, cooking, delivering and serving.

Some districts have to send their meals to many schools; some have to deliver by plane... Whatever it is, we want to hear your story.

OR maybe you have some interesting regional foods you serve.

2. Submit your video to Sandie Ponte, sponte@cordovasd.org by Jan. 31, 2016.
3. The contest winner's video will be showcased at this year's AKSNA Conference in Anchorage, Feb. 17-19, 2016.

**Happy Holidays from the AKSNA Board.
Have a safe and enjoyable holiday! See you in 2016!**