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Hope all the snow didn't result in too many school closures for you all. Will catch up on the news now:

- 1) ½ Day Lunch – During an Administrative Review, the district being reviewed had planned ½ days but the students were served lunch before the end of the school day. Sounds like a best practice for other schools whenever possible as it truly assures those that need to be fed are getting fed before they leave for the day!
- 2) School Breakfast Week - Get Ready for National School Breakfast Week: March 7-11. See the attached document for details regarding School Breakfast Week. Sorry for the late notice, hope you are able to do something special next week for your breakfast customers.

Also, All week Michigan Team Nutrition Social Media will be sharing Michigan #SchoolBreakfast success stories and videos created through the Boost Breakfast efforts of the TN 2013 grants! Join in the fun!

Follow and interact with us on Twitter @MITeamNutrition [Twitter](#)<sup>i</sup> and [Facebook](#)<sup>ii</sup>.

- 3) Farm to School - The first two in the spring Michigan Farm to School webinar series are now available online. Visit [Farm to School](#). These webinars can be viewed at any time, and accompanying pdf of the slides are available as well. [Sourcing Local Food: Understanding procurement rules and regulations](#)<sup>iii</sup>. Learn about federal and state food procurement regulations and how to properly procure local products for use in k-12 and early care and education meal programs. [Garden to Cafeteria: Using on-site gardens to supply meal programs webinar](#)<sup>iv</sup>. This webinar covers the basics of connecting on-site gardens to meal programs, using the MSU CRFS Garden to Cafeteria Guide as a framework.
- 4) HUSSC - Please join me in congratulating some recent HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom (HUSSC: SL) award winners! Since the beginning of the HealthierUS School Challenge in 2004, awards have been given to schools in 50 States and the District of Columbia. As of February 19, 2016, there are 5,544 schools certified (3,779 Bronze, 1,158 Silver, 366 Gold, and 241 Gold Award of Distinction)

*Port Huron Area School District (Mary Kurkowski, Food Service Director)*  
Cleveland Elementary School (Gold)  
Garfield Elementary School (Bronze)  
Howard D. Crull Elementary School (Silver)  
Indian Woods Elementary School (Bronze)  
Keewahdin Elementary School (Silver)

Kimball Elementary School (Silver)  
Michigamme Elementary School (Bronze)  
Roosevelt Elementary School (Gold)  
Thomas Edison Elementary School (Bronze)  
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (Gold)

Check out some of Director Kurkowski's work to promote school breakfast at [Promote School Breakfast<sup>v</sup>](#)

[St. Clair County RESA \(Sue Negowski, Food Service Director\)](#)  
Woodland Developmental Center (Silver)

- 5) Whole Grain Webinar - As part of the Webinar Wednesdays, SNA is offering a webinar about whole grains – Achieving Success with Whole Grain Pasta. Webinar will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Many school food service operators continue to struggle to satisfy the new whole grain pasta requirements. This webinar will provide success stories and how to adapt them for districts of all shapes and sizes. Participation in this webinar is worth 1 SNA CEU.

That's it for now! Have a great weekend!

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Visit our [March is Reading Month website<sup>vi</sup>](#) for motivating examples and activities that encourage purposeful reading for all Michiganders.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://twitter.com/TeamNutritionMI>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganTeamNutrition/>

<sup>iii</sup> [http://foodsystems.msu.edu/resources/sourcing\\_local\\_foods\\_understanding\\_procurement\\_rules\\_regulations\\_webinar](http://foodsystems.msu.edu/resources/sourcing_local_foods_understanding_procurement_rules_regulations_webinar)

<sup>iv</sup> [http://foodsystems.msu.edu/resources/sourcing\\_local\\_foods\\_understanding\\_procurement\\_rules\\_regulations\\_webinar](http://foodsystems.msu.edu/resources/sourcing_local_foods_understanding_procurement_rules_regulations_webinar)

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msmIE\\_z1hLo&feature=youtu.be&list=PLaqD6X6pQgmKsdIBQu3VvSCfVhOPwmT1q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msmIE_z1hLo&feature=youtu.be&list=PLaqD6X6pQgmKsdIBQu3VvSCfVhOPwmT1q)

<sup>vi</sup> [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753\\_65803-376051--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_65803-376051--,00.html)