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#### **ABOUT TASN**

The Texas Association for School Nutrition was founded in 1953 and incorporated on June 24, 1964. In the 70 years since its inception, TASN has grown to more than 4,700 members and has served as an advocate and resource for child nutrition professionals in Texas.

#### **Training and Certification**

For more than 30 years, TASN has undertaken a certification program to help school nutrition professionals continue their education and reach career goals. College courses, workshops sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, and TASN training seminars can be used toward certification. These programs not only improve the value of service to school children, but they enhance members' earning potential and career development.

#### **Scholarships for Continuing Education**

Texas Association for School Nutrition awards a number of scholarships annually to deserving members. These scholarships help pay for a variety of educational opportunities ranging from college courses to training towards certification.

#### **Sharing Information Through Networking**

One of the greatest benefits of membership in TASN is the abundance of opportunities to share ideas and experiences with other professionals in both structured and informal settings. The wealth of information and assistance available to all members helps raise the level of performance and service to children across the state.

#### TASN'S VISION STATEMENT

Positively impacting the health and education of Texas children through nutrition.

# Increase Your District's ADP ASAP

Sneak a peek at a couple of our free recipes to increase your district's ADP:

- Curry Chicken Salad
- PB&J Overnight Oats









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2024 Annual Conference June 29 – July 2, 2024 San Antonio





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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# **WINTER 2024**



Greetings TASN Members,

It is hard for me to believe that December has come and gone, as I reflect on the midpoint of my presidential term. I hope everyone got some much needed rest and relaxation over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks and that you were were able to spend time with those you love.

We have many exciting learning opportunities coming up this year that I encourage you to participate in.

- TASN Partnership Collaboration Summit (PCS) January 29-31 at the beautiful Horseshoe Bay Resort
- **SNA Legislative Action Conference (LAC)** March 3-5 in Washington, D.C.
- TASN 2024 Annual Conference June 29 July 2 in San Antonio (see pages 16-23)
- **SNA Annual National Conference (ANC)** July 14-16 in Boston

Please take advantage of these learning and networking opportunities for you and your staff. It is one of our most important responsibilities...to invest in those we serve and help prepare tomorrow's leaders.

All current TASN members (as of January 31) are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Voting will occur from February 28 – March 28 and I encourage you to make your voices heard. I offer a special thank you to those who have answered the call to serve TASN in the future. I appreciate your willingness to sacrifice on behalf of our members. You can meet the candidates **here** and on **pages 11-15** in this issue.

I am grateful to our members who show up everyday to make the lives of Texas children better. We are blessed to have you in TASN and thankful for your meaningful contributions to our students.

Please let me know how I can help. I am here for you.

Doug Massey Klein ISD TASN 2023-24 President dmassey@kleinisd.net



# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Curious about what is taking place within TASN? Well, I am happy to share.

I am happy to announce that we currently have nine Area Representatives. This is the most that we have had since 2007. We are excited to work with each of these representatives and look forward to assisting them where needed. You can find your Area Representative **here**. We are still seeking representation for TASN Areas 8, 9, and 11. If you are interested in a position, please reach out to me at **karena@tasn.net** or 512-371-00877 ext. 204.

#### **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

It is always nice to be recognized for our accomplishments and TASN wants to be your biggest cheerleader. TASN offers many **awards** and scholarships, and the deadline is fast approaching. Don't miss out. The deadline for both is February 15, 2024. The winners will be recognized at the 2024 Annual Conference, listed in TASN*ews*, highlighted on TASN social media, and posted on the TASN website. Please visit the **TASN website** or contact Eric Vicharelli at **ericv@tasn.net** for instructions, forms, and other pertinent information.

#### **BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The February Board and Committee meetings will be hosted in beautiful Corpus Christi, Texas, at the Omni Bayfront Hotel on February 22-23, 2024. If you are in the area, please stop by. You are welcome to sit in on the committee meetings and we would love to have you attend the TASN board meeting.

We will be hosting a reception at the Omni Bayfront Hotel on February 22, 2024, from 5 to 7 pm. Please join us! We would love to see you there. You can see details and RSVP info **here**. To better connect with our members, TASN will be hosting its October and February Board and Committee meetings in various cities across Texas. We will list this information on the TASN website under **Meetings** & **Programs > Meeting/Event Calendar.** This information is updated regularly, so bookmark the page and check it often for updates.

#### **TASN 2024-2025 ELECTION**

The TASN Board Election will take place February 28 – March 28. Reminder: you must be an active TASN member as of January 31, 2024, to vote. If you are not sure when your membership expires, please reach out to us at **info@tasn.net** and we will be happy to help.

#### **TASN 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The place to be June 29 – July 2, 2024, is the TASN 2024 Annual Conference. This event will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center with the Grand Hyatt Hotel as the host hotel. TASN will be celebrating 70 years with a '70s themed conference. Please join us for this spectacular event. See the **TASN website** and **pages 16-23** in this issue for more information. If you are interested in volunteering or teaching a class, please get in touch with Eric Vicharelli at **ericv@tasn.net**. Additional information is in this issue and on the TASN website. This conference will be packed with

learning sessions for all categories of membership and two General Session speakers. The opening General Session will be with Alex Weber, an international keynote speaker, award-winning performer, and American Ninja Warrior. The Closing General Session will be presented by Lena Wilson, the Assistant Commissioner for the Food and Nutrition Division at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **NEW TECHNOLOGY**

TASN's board recently approved \$ 25,000 for headquarters to purchase new technology. As we

all know, technology can be friend or foe and with all the changes, patience is a must. Stay tuned. We are super excited about this project.

#### ANYONE UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

As I close, I leave you with this: as of mid-2023, there were 339,996,563 people in the United States. Is anyone up for a challenge? If so, the 2024 challenge is to work on <u>one</u> thing you can improve personally and one thing you can improve professionally. Think of the impact this will have if each of us takes the challenge.

IMPORTANT DATES				
TASN 2024 Partnership Collaboration Summit (PCS)	January 29–31, 2024	Horseshoe Bay, Texas		
TASN Awards & Scholarships Application Deadline	February 15, 2024	see <u>TASN website</u> for details		
Third TASN Board of Directors/Committee Meetings and Reception	February 22–23, 2024	Corpus Christi, Texas		
TASN 2024-2025 Election	February 28 –March 28, 2024	Check for email updates		
SNA Legislative Action Conference (LAC)	March 3–5, 2024	Washington, D.C.		
TASN 2024 Annual Conference	June 29-July 2, 2024	San Antonio, Texas		
SNA 2024 Annual National Conference (ANC)	July 14-16, 2024	Boston, Massachusetts		
TASN 2025 Annual Conference	June 22–25, 2025	Corpus Christi, Texas		
SNA 2025 Annual National Conference (ANC)	July 13-15, 2025	San Antonio, Texas		
TASN 2026 Annual Conference	June 27-30, 2026	Grapevine, Texas		

# Greetings from TASN President-Elect Lacy Willey



#### Happy New Year!

2024 is going to be filled with fun, friends, family, and all things food. TASN has many great events planned for our members. I'm looking forward to attending the **Partnership Collaboration Summit** in a couple of weeks at Horseshoe Bay. I can't wait to network with the best colleagues in the business.

Registration is now open for the TASN 2024 Annual Conference in San Antonio this summer. Click **here** and see **pages 17-23** to find out more information and register today!

Do it! Do it NOW! Don't suffer from fear of missing out. The conference is going to be epic with learning sessions, great industry partners, networking, connecting with friends, and discovering new ones. Don't forget to apply for the many **awards** and **scholarships** TASN has available. Award and scholarship winners will be acknowledged at the conference. Let's celebrate TASN's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference together!

Since we are going to be friends and connect at the summer conference, take a listen to find out a little more about me and what I have been up to at Cleveland ISD. Thanks to NxtGen Network for hosting me on their NextUp Podcast. You can listen and view on any of your favorite platforms.



Next Up Podcast: *More Than a Lunch Lady* **YouTube** | **Audible** | **Spotify** | **Google** | **Apple** 



# Greetings from TASN Vice President Susan D'Amico



Happy New Year to our TASN family! For any of you who are new members, you will quickly learn that we feel like a family because of the way we share ideas and inspire each other to do our best for the students in Texas, no matter the obstacles we face. I read a good quote recently that said there is no

elevator to success; you have to take the stairs. The part I would add is that in TASN we are all climbing together!

As Vice President, I have the honor of planning the **Partnership Collaboration Summit** this year (along with lots of help from the TASN staff and my committee). We are looking forward to seeing many decision makers and industry partners in

Horseshoe Bay from January 29–31. Not only is it an outstanding location in the Texas Hill Country, but we will have Joe Pettit as our keynote speaker,



Horseshoe Bay Resort

outstanding breakout sessions, and some Mardi Gras celebrations.

I hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come. Thank you for all you do to make a difference for Texas kids, school staff, and for TASN members.

#### SECRETARY / TREASURER CORNER

by Christie Lammers, Texarkana ISD



Happy New Year! I hope all of you have enjoyed the holiday season and made memories with those you hold dear. My prayer is that this new year brings new opportunities for joy to each of you!

The **Partnership Collaboration Summit** will be held at the Horseshoe Bay Resort on January 29-31. We can't wait to see you there!

Financial statements were reviewed and filed for audit during the October Board Meeting. As of September 2023, TASN expenses were \$106,476.07 and net income was \$223,342.56. The Finance Committee will continue to post financial reports on the TASN website.

Thank you for your dedication to the students in Texas. The nourishment you give and the positive impact you have on our next generation of leaders is priceless. May 2024 be your best year yet!



#### TASN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2024 | Corpus Christi

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be held on February 23, 2024, at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel in Corpus Christi, TX. If you were unable to make the last meeting, your attendance is desired. TASN wants to hear your voice pertaining to school nutrition.

TASN is hosting a reception Thursday, February 22, 2024, in conjunction with the Board and Committee Meetings. If you are employed in an ISD in Area 1 or 2, come meet the TASN board and TASN members!

RSVP to info@tasn.net.

See you there!

# **TASN** WELCOME RECEPTION



HOSTED BY THE TASN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Uncover the perks of TASN membership

- · Meet the TASN board of Directors
- Connect with fellow School Nutrition Professionals
- · Hear TASN updates and current happenings.

Delight in delicious appetizers and refreshing drinks - it's an event you won't want to



Omni Corpus Christi 900 North Shoreline Blvd.



Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:00 pm

Please RSVP to info@tasn.net by February 8, 2024 to attend



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### **Greetings from Area 1 Representative** Jeff Atkinson, Gregory-Portland ISD



Happy New Year! I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Jeff Atkinson. I am happily married to my wonderful wife. We celebrate our 29th wedding anniversary this year. I have two adult children. I went to school in Gregory-Portland ISD and then came back to work as the Director for Food and Nutrition Services. I have been at Gregory-Portland for the past 27 years. In my free time, I love watching TV as well as going to the beach. My motto for life is: *make today better than yesterday*.

I love what I do. Being able to serve students on a daily basis is a noble profession. You can reach me by email at **jatkinson@g-pisd.org** or by phone at 361-777-1098. I look forward to serving the Area 1 members with any needs you may have. I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

# **Greetings from Area 4 Representative** Tanya Davis, Henderson ISD



**Greetings from Area 4!** 

At Henderson ISD, child nutrition employees worked tirelessly during the month of October to showcase local products. Students were served items such as nachos made with local grass fed beef produced in Henderson,

Texas baked sweet potatoes, and delicious locally grown watermelon and apples. This was an excellent way to create new opportunities for students to experience locally grown food served in their school cafeteria.

In other news, I will be reaching out to other directors and members in this area to offer information and encourage new membership. I hope to enlighten child nutrition staff about the exciting opportunities TASN has available to increase knowledge and camaraderie in our profession. This is a great time to get involved with TASN. Want to know how to start a chapter, join TASN, and reap the benefits of this great association? Please reach out for assistance or for any questions: tadavis@hendersonisd.org













# Greetings from Area 5 Representative Suellen Atteberry, Red Oak ISD



It's January and spring is coming! Get ready for a bit warmer weather – we do live in Texas so winter could last five minutes or five days. Either way, no matter where you live, each of us is always ready to learn and serve our students.

This summer's Annual Conference is coming. Are you ready to start planning your trip? Start the new calendar year off right as this is the perfect time to get involved with TASN.

Do you need to be create a chapter, or need help getting one reinstated? There is a great deal of information that TASN has that can help you be prepared. Let us assist you in acquiring information to be the best prepared and up to date food service professionals!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions or for help: **sattebe@garlandisd.net**.

# KNOW YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE

Do you know who your TASN Area Representative is? TASN Area Representatives are there to help you grow your chapter, connect you with resources, and answer any questions you may have about the association. They are your go-to people for all things TASN, so don't hesitate to reach out to them anytime! Click **here** to find your Area Rep!



#### **DON'T MISS OUT!**

The start of a new year is a great time to make sure your contact info and membership are up to date!

Click **here** to log in to your TASN account to update your info and verify your membership status. Don't miss out on important TASN news and opportunities!



# TASN 2024-2025 ELECTION **SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

Below you will find the slate of candidates for the TASN 2024-2025 Board of Directors election. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the members who will lead your organization for the next one or two years.

Voting will begin on February 28, 2024. You must be an active member as of January 31, 2024, to be eligible to vote. More details and voting instructions will be released in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the individuals below who have offered to serve and help lead TASN into the future.

### **VICE PRESIDENT ONE YEAR TERM**



**JOHN CEBALLOS** 

Coordinator of marketing, equipment, technology and catering Klein ISD

**TASN Member:** 6 years **SNA Member:** 1 year

**TASN Positions Held:** Membership Chair (2 terms)

#### TASN Presentations Given:

Work Hard Play Hard; Marketing Your Child Nutrition Program (x2); Maximizing TASN Benefits

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

#### **Goals for Office:**

- Continue to seek benefits for TASN members.
- Make TASN a national recognized association.
- Grow engagement within the association and members.
- Support districts and vendors as needed.
- Work with current board to set additional goals based off associations vision and mission.



**JOY PETERS** 

Director of Child Nutrition Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD

**TASN Member:** 8 years **SNA Member:** 8 years

**TASN Positions Held:** Area 7 Representative

#### **TASN Presentations Given:**

None yet - working on some for this summer

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Bachelor of Arts in Nutrition

#### Goals for Office:

- I would really like to bring West Texas back into
- I'd like to set up a Managers Academy out this
- Increase membership in the panhandle and West Texas.

# EDUCATION CHAIR TWO YEAR TERM



#### **KASANDRA DAVIS**

Child Nutrition Director
Brenham ISD

TASN Member: 13 years SNA Member: 13 years

TASN Positions Held: Education Chair; Conference Planning Committee

#### **TASN Presentations Given:**

2022 Annual Conference - Pre-Session NSLP; 2022 Administrative Academy - NSLP and Other Operational Issue of CN Program; 2023 Annual Conference -Maximizing TASN Benefits; 2023 Administrative Academy - NSLP and Other Operational Issue of CN Program

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Master of Science in Human Resource Development, Emphasis in Adult Learning: Texas A&M University Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics: Stephen F. Austin State University Registered and Licensed Dietitian ServSafe Manager Certification

#### Other Information You Would Like to Include:

I have enjoyed serving as the Education Chair this term and participating in TASN education sessions, academies, scholarships and awards. I have learned invaluable information about how TASN operates, what it needs to improve, and what members are looking for.

#### **Goals for Office:**

- Continue my work in re-branding TASN education opportunities so that members will recognize our classes as a value-added benefit that helps them succeed in current and future positions.
- The stronger our educational opportunities and membership are, the more impact our state association can make.

#### **NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE**

# MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TWO YEAR TERM



#### **BRENDA RODRIGUEZ**

Child Nutrition Director
Fort Sam Houston ISD

TASN Member: 12 years SNA Member: 6 years

**TASN Positions Held:** Area 10 Representative

**TASN Presentations Given:** *TASN - Chapter Introduction* 

#### **Education/Certifications:**

TASSO Emerging Leader True Colors Orange Frog TASN Directors Academy Diamond Leadership Heart Saver - CPR, AED

#### **Goals for Office:**

- To increase membership by one member per current member.
- Educate the school food service professionals on member benefits and self investment.

#### **NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE**

# **CHAIR OF AREA** REPRESENTATIVES **TWO YEAR TERM**



KIMBERLY BLANKENSHIP

Director of Child Nutrition Pleasant Grove ISD

**TASN Member:** 4 years **SNA Member:** 1 year

TASN Positions Held: Chapter President, Texarkana Association for School Nutrition

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science Associates Degree in Culinary Arts

#### Other Information you Would Like to Include:

I have been married for 20 years and have 2 children, ages 18 and 13. I think it is important in todays world that we teach students the importance of nutrition. I feel child nutrition staff is in a unique situation for teaching students how to fuel their bodies in the right way.

#### **Goals for Office:**

- Increase participation and leadership opportunities through out Texas.
- To be a voice for all areas in efforts to help to bring change and offer support in our efforts to provide students healthy and delicious meals.

### **AREA 4 REPRESENTATIVE** TWO YEAR TERM



**TANYA DAVIS** 

Director of Child Nutrition Henderson ISD

**TASN Member:** 15 years SNA Member: 5 year

**TASN Positions Held:** Area 4 Representative

#### **Education/Certifications:** TASN Directors Academy Train the Trainer Numerous continuing education credits based in child nutrition

#### Goals for Office:

- Increase membership and remind directors what our purpose is for Child Nutrition.
- Renew our passion for the great opportunity we are provided to serve hungry students and avoid getting bogged down in regulations.

**NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE** 

**NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE** 

# AREA 6 REPRESENTATIVE TWO YEAR TERM



**NORMA RIOJAS** 

Supervisor
Eagle Mountain-Saginaw
ISD

**TASN Member:** 4 years **SNA Member:** N/A

**TASN Positions Held:** Area 6 Representative

TASN Presentations Given:

None yet but willing to help where needed.

#### **Education/Certifications:**

TASN Level 2 38 college credits

#### Other Information you Would Like to Include:

I am bilingual. My passion is training CNS staff and to motivate CNS staff to grow into management positions.

#### **Goals for Office:**

• Be available to help districts in Area 6 if they want help creating a chapter.

### AREA 10 REPRESENTATIVE TWO YEAR TERM



**RAMONA LOVE** 

Child Nutrition Coordinator of Operations
East Central ISD

**TASN Member:** 15+ years **SNA Member:** First year

**TASN Positions Held:** 

5 Years as local chapter president 4 years as local chapter

secretary 1 year as local chapter historian

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Associates degree in History Level 5 TASN certification Food Manager certified ServSafe Certified Instructor and Proctor

#### Other Information you Would Like to Include:

I served three terms on the Texas20 Advisory Board.

I am currently the CTSFSDA (Central Texas School Food Service Directors Association) Secretary.

#### **Goals for Office:**

- To increase TASN membership and number of local chapters.
- To inspire others to seek out knowledge in order to develop themselves, their teams, and their programs.
- To assist in providing additional training opportunities for members.

#### **NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE**

#### **NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE**

# **AREA 12 REPRESENTATIVE TWO YEAR TERM**



#### TINA BROOKS

School Child Nutrition Director Stratford ISD

**TASN Member:** 12 years **SNA Member:** 12 years

**TASN Positions Held:** Current Area 12 Representative

**TASN Presentations** 

Not at this time, but ready to do so if necessary

#### **Education/Certifications:**

Early Childhood Special Education Associates of Science degree

Currently working on Bachelors in Science, Special Education IEC-12 at WTAMU Canyon (4 classes -

Santa Fe College - Nutrition (2 classes - 6 hours) University of Mississippi - Culinary Art Training (60 credit hours)

#### Other Information you Would Like to Include:

I'm a hard worker, and ready for a new challenge. My number one reason I do what I do is for the kids, to feed our kids. There are too many out there that need extra help. I'm a farm girl, love the country, riding my Harley, being outdoors, and socializing with friends.

#### Goals for Office:

- Get more schools in my area involved, to reach out to as many schools and to let them know what TASN can do for them (trainings, scholarships, and networking)
- Explain all the benefits this great organization has to offer not just them but the community.
- Because my passion is the children, I want to ensure all are well fed and let them know that I'm here for them.
- Speak out about how important our program is and to fight for all children everywhere.

#### NO OPPOSING CANDIDATE

# **CONNECT WITH US!** GET SOCIAL WITH TASN AND STAY UP TO DATE WITH ASSOCIATION NEWS, EVENT INFO, AND MORE!

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# SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO

Join TASN, ISD food service professionals, and industry partners as we come together to shape, build, and support K-12 child nutrition programs in Texas.

TASN 2024 Annual Conference sessions and exhibits will be located in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, next door to the Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk host hotel.

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The TASN Annual Conference is a valuable educational and networking opportunity for all ISD K-12 food service employees, specialist, managers, directors, supervisors, superintendents, stakeholders, and industry partners. Registration is now open! We hope to see you there!

#### **REGISTER NOW!**

Early Bird Discount ends April 15!

# WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

During this year's groovy four-day event, you will experience inspirational keynote speakers and attend sessions designed to generate ideas you can implement in your district. You will also have the opportunity to meet our exhibitors and explore the exhibit hall, network with like-minded professionals, and take some time to chill out and have fun.

Join us in celebrating 70 years? Conference registration opens in January

# Host Hotel: Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk

The Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk celebrates the history and charm of the Alamo City with a welcoming spirit and elegant sophistication, offering luxury rooms just steps from the historic River Walk and close to other attractions. The hotel features several restaurants and bars, a rooftop pool, and even an indoor golf experience. TASN Annual Conference hotel reservations are now available!



#### **Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk**

600 E. Market Street | San Antonio, Texas 78205

Room Rate: \$199 per night for 1 King or 2 Double Beds

**Reserve Room Now** 



# Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

The TASN 2024 Annual Conference will be located in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, located next to the Grand Hyatt in the heart of historic downtown San Antonio. Our conference offers attendees a huge opportunity to meet with exhibitors and learn about new products.

# Keynote Speakers

# Alex Weber

Alex Weber is an American Ninja Warrior, Award-Winning Leader & Entertainer positively inspiring millions to achieve breakthrough success! Alex's greatest passion is championing your highest potential by helping you find your Edge, because success is about more than just knowing what to do, it's knowing how to do it. Alex shows top professionals and leaders how to bring their very best everyday, and to the most high-stakes situations that can make or break your success. With his contagious energy and passion, Alex shares his gamechanging secrets to record-breaking success!







# Lena Wilson

Lena Wilson is the Assistant Commissioner for the Food and Nutrition Division at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). She oversees all activities related to compliance with regulations for the 12 federal nutrition programs administered by the agency. Lena, a registered dietitian, has more than 20 years of experience with federal nutrition programs. She is one of the few people who has worked at the state and local level with every U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition assistance program including the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This experience complements a background that includes 13 years as a director of school meal programs and allows a practical look at operations from differing perspectives to apply a common-sense approach for program oversight.

# INDUSTRY EVENING EVENT

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 | 7 PM - 11 PM



# Do a little dance Eat a little grub at Industry Night!

Join us for our always muchanticipated annual Industry Evening Event! This year's groovy shindig will be a '70s themed event in the Convention Center's Stars at Night Ballroom.

Can't wait to see you there as we boogie the night away!

COUNTER DECORATING CONTEST



# LEARNING SESSIONS

TASN is excited to continue providing learning sessions at the upcoming TASN 2024 Conference! Please see below for learning session topics you can expect to see and attend at conference. More topics and details to come as conference dates get closer!

TOPIC:	USDA PROFESSIONAL CODE(S):	DESCRIPTION:
Leadership Skills	4000	This session will help attendees learn how to build credibility with others, define their team's purpose, and align it with the organizations goals, and encourage growth and responsibility of the unique talents of their team.
Food Safety	2600	From food refrigeration temperatures to danger zones and pathogenic bacteria, this learning session will familiarize and remind attendees of the everyday precautions that school nutrition staff must take.
School & Community	4150	School lunchrooms not only nourish the body, but they are the soul of the school. In today's environment, it is critical to make connections with all kids, especially those facing the challenges of living in poverty. This engaging workshop will inform you of the differences that causes gaps and struggles; encourage you with real tools to intentionally build meaningful relationships, and inspire you by sharing stories of success.
Customer Service	4130	Enhance your customers' experience through the art of customer service.
Special Diets	1160	This learning session will cover the importance of avoiding cross contamination, reading food labels, and special diet planning regarding food allergens and other special accommodations.
Kitchen Equipment	2140, 2430, 3520	This session will cover the importance of kitchen equipment such as: purchasing, maintenance, automation, and more.
Team Building	3440, 4140	Whether you are putting together, training, or maintaining a team it all requires team building. Learn different tactics on how to successfully team build with your school nutrition team.
Reimbursable Meals	2310	Learn how to recognize a reimbursable meal, meal pattern requirements, food components versus food items, portion sizes, and overview on claiming meals.
Menu Planning	1100	Get a better understanding on what goes into menu planning. Understanding your customers needs, resources available to you, operating within a budget, forecasting, and more.
Communication	4140	Improve your communication skills that will overall better convey and exchange information, news, and ideas with others in your work and personal life.

# Conference at a Glance

(Tentative & subject to change)

# SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Fourth 2023-2024 Executive Committee Meeting (private meeting)	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Fourth 2023-2024 Board meeting	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Registration	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Rehearsal - General Session / Awards / Installation	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Board of Directors Dinner	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

# SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Exhibitor Move-in	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Registration	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Annual Meeting	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Award Ceremony / Lunch / First General Session: Alex Weber	9:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Learning Sessions for All*	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Maintenance / Operations Class for Decision Makers	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Learning Session: Alex Weber	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

# MONDAY, JULY 1

Learning Sessions for Non-Decision Makers	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Maintenance / Operations Class for Non-Decision Makers	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Exhibits Open for Decision Makers Only	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Lunch on Your Own	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Vendor/ Director Reception in Exhibit Hall	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Industry Evening Event / Dinner	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

# TUESDAY, JULY 2

Exhibits Open for All	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Learning Sessions for All*	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Installation/TDA General Session	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
First Executive Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)	2:15 PM - 3:15 PM
First 2024-2025 Board of Directors Meeting	3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

\*Please check the mobile app and TASN website for updates on these classes

# REGISTRATION FORM TASN 2024 Annual Conference San Antonio, Texas | June 29 - July 2, 2024

#### EARLY BIRD PAYMENT DEADLINE:

**APRIL 15, 2024** 

Badges will be assigned per the paid TASN membership category. ID will be required to pick up badges.

REGISTRATION TYPE & FEES:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,,		- up anageor	
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$300 (Ends April 15, includes T-Shirt)	REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$350 (Ends May 15)		N:	RETIRED REGISTRATION: \$130 (Ends May 15) Registration before April 15 includes T-Shirt	
Circle if you will be attending: Exhibits Annual Meeting	Circle if you will be attending: Exhibits Annual Meeting			Circle if you will be attending: Exhibits Annual Meeting	
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Liability & Indemnification Agreement: Each form must be signed before registra TASN Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX, June 29-July 2, 2024. Lunderstand there and directors from all liability for sickness, injury, death, and property damage that ma undersigned agrees to indemnify TASN, its committees, members, officers, employees the right to take photographs of me and my property. I authorize TASN to such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, social networking, and web conte than May 15, 2024. TASN will assess a \$50.00 administrative fee on all cance	is some inherent risk in traveling to and from a ay be suffered in connection with such activities and directors against all judgments obtained ar copyright, use, and publish the same in print an nt. My registration application information will	and as a result of attending s, whether due to negligenc nd against the cost of defer nd/or electronically. I agree I also be published for exhi	g the conference. The ur se or otherwise, acceptionse of such claims, include that TASN may use su	dersigned hereby releases TASN ng such risks involved and waiving ding reasonable attorney's fees. F ch photographs of me with or wit	and the committees, members, officers, employee g all rights of any kind that may otherwise arise. Th Photo Release: I grant TASN, its representatives, an thout my name and for any lawful purpose includin

Signature/Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_ TASN Headquarters
Please send your completed registration form with either your purchase order form or full payment. If using a purchase order,
payment is due by April 15, 2024, to receive the Early Bird rate and by May 15, 2024 to receive the regular rate.

MAIL TO:
TASN Headquarters
5910 Courtyard Drive Ste #230
Austin, TX 78731

**REQUIRED:** 

#### Call for Presentations

Deadline: February 15, 2024

Attention all school nutrition professionals in Texas: TASN is looking for speakers to present at the TASN 2024 Annual Conference.

#### Sought after topics include, but are not limited to:

Menu Planning Customer Service • Summer Feeding • Special Diets • Listening Skills

Marketing • Reimbursable Meals • Personnel Skills • Legislation • Farm to School

Emotional Intelligence • Staff Management • Food Safety

Communication Practices • Menu Management • Bid Specification

Leadership • Team Building • Maintenance • Food Procurement

Recruiting and Retaining Employees • Innovating Serving

Kitchen Equipment • Innovative Standardized Recipes

Commodity Processing • Leadership • Inventory Best Practices

Connected Kitchens and more!

Submit your proposal by email, mail, or fax to Eric Vicharelli:

Email: ericv@tasn.net

Mailing Address:

5910 Courtyard Dr. #230, Austin, TX 78731

**Fax:** 512-371-0125





Deadline: April 15, 2024

TASN is working on making our '70s themed 70th Annual Conference a far-out experience, but we need your help! Sign up to be a volunteer and play a part in your association's Annual Conference.

#### Duties include, but are not limited to:

Registration counter • traffic control • moderating • ribbon booth learning session assistance • prepping, hand-outs • general assistance and more!

Sign up by emailing Eric Vicharelli at: ericv@tasn.net



# **Chapter Flag Release Form**

Chapter Name:		
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Signature:		

Please send flags to TASN Headquarters by May 15th

Texas Association for School Nutrition 5910 Courtyard Drive, Suite 230 Austin, TX 78731

# **Chapter News**

#### Area 5

#### **Garland SNS**

Garland ISD SNS had a busy fall. We celebrated **National School Lunch Week** and Thanksgiving and rolled out our new vending machine program.



NSLW was a smashing success! As part of this celebration, SNS "leveled up" several of our classic menus. Special menu items included Dorito Walking

Tacos, Minecraft Mashed Potatoes, Ninja Turtle Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza, and Fireball Grilled Cheese. In addition to exciting dress-up days

correlating with popular video games, campuses participated in a Tray of the Day photo contest.

We have so much to be thankful for in Garland ISD. We celebrated Thanksgiving with our wonderful SNS staff, students, and district families by serving a



classic turkey dinner with all of the fixin's! Included on the right are two recipes our very own



Chef Kevin developed for the occasion: pear cobbler and green bean casserole.

This school year, SNS launched a reimbursable meal vending program. The program allows our students who attend

classes at community colleges, have early morning swim practice at the district natatorium, or attend class at our Career and Technology Center access to meals they haven't been able to receive when away from campus. The vending machines work with our point of sale system by allowing students to input their pin numbers, just as they would on campus. Meals are prepared fresh, packaged at one of our high school campuses, and delivered daily to the four vending locations. The program has been very well received



by our students! A key to the program's success has been supportive administrative staff. We will be expanding the program to all of our high school campuses soon.

#### **CLICK TO ENLARGE RECIPES**





#### Terrell SNA



What an extraordinary team we have here at Terrell **ISD.** The words "I can't" are not in their vocabulary.

They are seasoned vets with a desire to please!

In 2020 when the bottom dropped out on us all, our team trained, prepared 6,000 meals, and got on buses to deliver to every student in Terrell. We did this daily for four months without a single hiccup.





For two years post-Covid our ladies fed students full meals every day, even with supply chain issues and while we were down 17 staff members! Each day our team puts out beautiful quality meals. Breakfast participation is holding

at 46%!

We manage many service styles:

- Breakfast in the Classrooms
- 2nd Chance Breakfast
- Breakfast through the Serving Lines
- Lunch through the Serving Lines
- Grab n Go
- Family Style Dining
- Coffee Bar
- Ala Carte Snack Bars
- CACFP At Risk Friday Meals
- **CACFP Snacks**
- Catering all Special Events
- Catering Press Box
- Summer Feeding
- Summer Feeding WIC

We are grateful for our teachers and students who always send us notes of PRAISE!

# Good morning!!

I just had to share this with you...last week on corn dog day (the kids LOVE corn dogs) one of my boys said, "This is the best corn dog ever!"

Also, one day (I forgot what we it was we were eatingmaybe the pizza) one of of my kids said, "This is better than my mama's!"

Our ladies are doing a fantastic job!!! Ms. Cannon

# Good afternoon!

Just here to brag on my people again! Ms. Lee orchestrated a beautiful and delicious Thanksgiving feast for our little people! They loved it, and we loved that it was so festive and just like a Thanksgiving feast should be! Thanks so much to Ms. Lee, Ms. Martina, and Ms. Maria for all of their hard work!

The kids also loved the spaghetti again, and as always, ate up the nuggets that were served today! Thanks for hearing us and ordering foods that our kids will eat!

Have a great break! Charlstie Calhoun WH Burnett, TISD | PreK4 Teacher

Thank all of you for your hard work yesterday! The food was wonderful, and although LOTS of people ate, we still had plenty left! We're all having fruit for breakfast this morning! I may be prejudiced, but I think that was one of the nicest retirement receptions I have been to, and you were certainly a big part of making it special! We couldn't have done it without you! You are appreciated more than you know!

Debbie Peden **Financial Secretary Terrell ISD Special Services**  Good morning,

I am truly blessed to work with the best! Thank y'all so much for taking care of us on Friday even though it was a late request! I appreciate it so much! Please send me the invoice to get it taken care of. Again thank you so much!

Kassandra Lopez Admin. Asst. to Deputy Superintendent

### Good Evening Mrs. Tidwell,

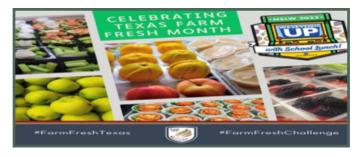
I just wanted to let you and your nutritional team know how much I appreciate all the hard work our cafeteria staff puts into our school. No request is too big or too small and they are always willing to help and they make an extra effort to really get to know the kiddos. They make every effort to make sure our breakfast, lunch, and snacks are prepared on time. They are an exceptional bunch and I more than grateful to have them on our side. I also enjoy seeing you at the campus! It's always a pleasure.

Thank you Mrs. Ontiveros

# **Chapter News**

Area 6

**Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD** 



This year Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD celebrated National School Lunch Week by offering an educational report about the benefits of Texasgrown oranges. This celebration helps to remind us of the importance of a healthy school lunch to a student's success, both in and out of the classroom.

We encourage students to eat breakfast and school lunch because we see that reducing child hunger improves student behavior and supports academic



achievemen. It also helps us to educate parents and students about all the wonderful benefits of our lunch program.

We were very excited to host a traditional Thanksgiving meal this year. We had several schools serving special meals. The students' faces



were full of joy when they saw their parents coming into the cafeteria to celebrate with them. The Thanksgiving lunch menu

included turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, and cinnamon spiced apples. The parents' participation was amazing, and our school and nutrition staff worked very hard to make the event unforgettable.



Updates from our chapters are one of the best things about the TASNews. We'd love to hear what's happening in your district and chapter!

Not sure what to write about? The updates from chapters in this issue are wonderful examples of things you can include:

- Celebrations in your district
- Events (like National School Lunch Week!)
- Recipes (like Garland ISD's green bean casserole and pear cobbler!)
- Programs that you've introduced (like Terrell ISD's reimbursable meal vending program!)
- Meeting & officer updates
- TASN events you attended (like the TASN Annual Conference!)

Submit queries and articles to communications@tasn.net by March 1 to be included in the spring TASNews issue!

# **TASN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

# September 1 - May 31

#### How it works:

• For every three (3) people you recruit to be members, your name will be entered into a drawing that will take place on TASN Facebook Live.

#### Prizes:

• \$100.00 cash prize, free membership for the next year, and recognition at the 2024 TASN Annual Conference.

#### Rules:

- Must be a new member or a person that has had inactive member status with TASN for two (2) or more years.
- Must include email address to be eligible.
- Must use membership drive form, located in this issue and on the TASN website.
- Recruiter must be a Specialist, Manager, or Supervisor.
- Recruit at least three (3) members to be eligible.
- Membership application form must be completed and postmarked by May 31, 2024.





#### **TASN Membership Application Form**

Please check one of the following: New member \_\_\_\_\_ or Member Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ If you pay your TASN dues through SNA, Please do not also send a payment to TASN.

ersonal Information:  Member #: ease print and complete the information on this form. TASN will use this address for all correspondence.) Only completed forms will be processed.			
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Please return payment and application form to: TASN, 5910 Courtyard Drive, Suite #230, Austin, Texas 78731 or by Fax: (512) 371-0125			
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#### **Texas Association for School Nutrition**

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Check one: Ne	w Member or Renewal	Member No	umber:
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Professional Service Provider Membership \$150.00	Individuals who are em	al Service Provider Membership is uployed in a for-profit business pro ISD Professionals that are now Co	oviding services.
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# NEW TASN ISD MEMBERS November 2022 - November 2023

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# **EDUCATION UPDATE**

### by Kasandra Davis **TASN Education Chair**



I hope you were able to relax, take a break and Celery-brate the holidays! It's hard to imagine that we are already halfway through the 2023-2024 school year and next year's planning has either already started for you or it's coming up very soon!

Did you know the education committee oversees the certification program, Administrative and Manager Academies, scholarships, and awards,



and participates in the TASN Annual Conference Planning Committee? We offer a lot of details pertaining to these categories on the TASN website but I

wanted to highlight a few.

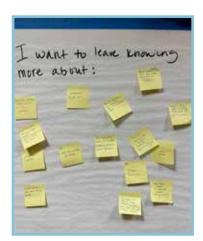
In October, we hosted the first half of our Administrative Academy in Corpus Christi. We had 21 attendees participate in a two-day faceto-face learning series geared to strengthen their knowledge in school nutrition and a successful

program. We will be gathering again in a few weeks to complete the in-person sessions. Attendees who complete



the entire Administrative Academy and exam will be recognized at the TASN Annual Conference in June, in addition to our 50 Managers Academy graduates.

TASN offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to our members for continuing education in ESL, GED, and college courses as well as attending training and conferences for TASN Administrative Academy, TASN Managers Academy



and the TASN Partnership Collaboration Summit. Scholarship recipients are recognized and awarded at the TASN Annual Conference in June and must be claimed by August 31st of the following year.

We are looking for the next School Nutrition Specialist, Manager, and Director of the Year! These are just a few of the individual awards TASN offers to our school food service professionals to help them excel in foodservice achievement and to promote management excellence. In addition to individual awards, TASN offers local chapter



awards for Certification, Membership and Local Plan of Action; and, districts are able to apply for the Breakfast and Lunch Participation

awards. Take advantage of these opportunities to recognize the individuals and colleagues in our industry that are creating positive change!

I want to ensure that TASN is meeting our members' needs and that they see value in what we offer. If you have suggestions for learning sessions at conferences, academies or otherwise, please feel free to share those with me:

kdavis@brenhamk-12.net.

# TASN SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Deadline: February 15, 2024



TASN is excited to continue awarding members for their excellence in the child nutrition field and granting scholarships for those pursuing a higher education within the nutrition scope! Nominate someone or a district for the following awards: Membership, Certification, Local Plan of Action, School Nutrition Specialist/ Manager/ Director of the Year, Partnership in Nutrition, Breakfast/ Lunch Participation, and Outstanding Achievement in Continuing Education. Our scholarship selection includes: General, English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED), College, Administrative/ Managers Academy, and Partnership

Collaboration Summit (PCS). You may have not applied yet, but it'd be a lot cooler if you did!

Submit your application by email, mail, or fax to Eric Vicharelli:

Email: ericv@tasn.net

Mailing Address: 5910 Courtyard Dr. #230, Austin, TX 78731

Fax: 512-371-0125

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Tina Perdue

Elba Perez

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# **BREAKFAST BARRIERS**

by Darin Crawford, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services and Suzy Hunter, Nutrition Services Director, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

This year in our district there has been a renewed focus on removing barriers to breakfast. We use a lot of tools to remove these barriers, but the two most successful are grab-and-go breakfast and second chance breakfast. Neither of these are new ideas, but placing a renewed focus on them has led to some spirited conversations with principals and district administrators, a lot of problem solving, and a big increase in our reimbursable breakfast participation.

So far this year, our ADP for breakfast has increased from 28.3% to 34.0%. This is over 6,000 more reimbursable breakfasts each day. That makes an impact, and it is worth the effort. Here are some of the things we have done to help our kids eat.

Start at the top and work your way down. It is easier to get a seat at the various tables if you are invited. We meet with our Assistant Superintendents for school leadership, and each month we send them data. The key metric that we have been using is the difference between our campus free and reduced percentage and the breakfast participation percentage at that campus. Why this data point?

Our free and reduced percentage is used by many departments in our district. It is a data point that everyone is familiar with. However, do they really understand what it means? No. So we tell them. If a child qualifies for meal benefits, they are also labeled by TEA standards as economically disadvantaged. Simply put, Hunger = Disadvantage. Their families have applied for help feeding their students. We know this, but we don't always emphasize it. A free or reduced child

is a child that is at a disadvantage to acquiring an education. Their families have recognized a need, requested our help, and have successfully jumped through the hoops to receive our assistance. I will say it again, this time louder for the people in the back.

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How many of these children get breakfast? For most campuses the answer is not enough. The reason for this is that we set up additional hoops. Once we demonstrate this with data, it begins a conversation about taking down hoops.

We encourage grab and go breakfast eaten in the classroom. We always, (EVERY SINGLE TIME!) see a huge increase when we implement this program. We usually get resistance. Spills and loss of instructional time are the primary pain points. Spills can be cleaned. Period. It's a weak excuse, and we say that. Instructional time is trickier, but not insurmountable. Instructional time is not an indicator of academic success, nor is it the single predictor of academic success. Hunger causes instructional time to be unproductive, and these kids are hungry. We know this. They are so hungry that TEA says that they have a disadvantage that will impede their ability to get an education.

Show your data, tell your stories, and use TEA jargon. Don't shut up until they let you feed your students.

Fats play a crucial role in your daily dietary requirements. While they provide essential energy and aid in vitamin absorption, it's important to note that not all fats are beneficial for your health.









## **Fat Groups**

#### **Trans Fats**

**Bad Fats** 

Trans fats can be found naturally in animal products such as beef and lamb, as well as in partially hydrogenated oils. Consumption of foods rich in trans fats can lead to an increased risk of high cholesterol and insulin resistance.

#### **Saturated Fats**

Unhealthy Fats

Higher levels of saturated fats are primarily found in animal products. Consuming such a diet increases the likelihood of developing cardiovascular disease. Consumption of these fats should be limited to < 10% of calories per day.

#### **Polyunsaturated Fats**

Healthy Fats

Polyunsaturated fats, found in plants and seafood, are known to help improve blood cholesterol levels when incorporated into your diet.

#### **Monounsaturated Fats**

Healthy Fats

Monounsaturated fats, commonly found in plants and seafood, have been proven to improve insulin sensitivity when incorporated into your diet.



# Sources of Fats



Being cognizant of the types of foods that provide optimal fats is essential. This knowledge enables us to make informed decisions and select foods that don't contain excessive amounts of bad or unhealthy fats.

#### **Trans Fats**

It's recommended to limit your intake of baked goods, and consume them in moderation on special occasions.

- Commercial Baked Goods
- Frozen Pizza
- Shortening
- Margarine



Foods high in saturated fats, such as fast food and junk food, should be consumed in moderation similar to trans fats.

- Ice Cream
- Red Meats
- Pizza
- Chips

#### **Polyunsaturated Fats**

Replacing your saturated fats with polyunsaturated fats has shown to significantly improve total cholesterol and LDL "bad" cholesterol.

- Salmon
- Tuna
- Walnuts
- Pumpkin Seeds

#### **Monounsaturated Fats**

Incorporating monounsaturated fats into your diet, alongside polyunsaturated fats, can benefit heart health and insulin sensitivity.

- Avocado
- Almonds
- Peanut Oil
- Olive Oil









Source: FDA - Interactive Nutrition Facts Label - Total Fat - Monounsaturated and Polyunsaturated Fats

## How to find Fat content on a **Nutrition Facts Label**



**Nutrition Facts** about 30 servings per container Serving size 1/2 cup (40g) Amount per serving Calories % Daily Value\* 3% Total Fat 2.5g Saturated Fat Og **Trans Fat Og** Polyunsaturated Fat 1g Monounsaturated Fat 1g 0% Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium Omg Total Carbohydrate 27g 10% 14% Dietary Fiber 4g Soluble Fiber 2g Insoluble Fiber 2g Total Sugars Og Includes Og Added Sugars 0% Protein 5g Vitamin D Omcg 0% 0% Calcium 20mg Iron 1.7mg 10% Potassium 140mg 2% The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. Calories per gram: Fat 9 Protein 4 Carbohydrate 4

Displayed here is the nutrition label for whole grain old fashioned oats. Notably, the label indicates the quantity of fat per serving. It's worth noting that oats contain beneficial polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats that promote good health.





Source: Walmart - Whole Grain Old Fashioned Oats

# **Apple Cinnamon Bars**



#### **Ingredients**

- 4 apples (medium)
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp of salt
- 1/2 tsp of baking soda
- 1/2 tsp of cinnamon
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1 cup of uncooked oats
- 1/2 cup of margarine or butter
- 4 sprays of cooking spray

#### **Directions**

1.Preheat oven to 350 °F

2.Put the flour, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, brown sugar, and oats in the mixing bowl. Stir together.

3.Add the margarine to the bowl. Use the 2 table knives to mix the ingredients and cut them into crumbs.

4.Lightly grease the bottom and sides of the baking dish with cooking spray.

5.Spread half of the crumb mixture in the greased baking dish.

6.Remove the core from the apples and slice them. Put the apple slices into the baking dish.

7.Top the apples with the rest of the crumb mixture.

8.Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes.

9.Cut into squares. It will fall apart easily.

Source: USDA MyPlate: Apple Cinnamon Bars

#### **Nutrition Information**

Serving Size: 1 bar

Total Cal: 82

Total Fat: 4g

- Saturated Fat: 1g
- Monounsaturated Fat: 2g
- Polyunsaturated Fat: 1g

Carbohydrates: 12g

Dietary Fiber: 1g

Total Sugars: 7g

• Added Sugars: 4g

Protein: 1g



# LACTION CONFERENCE

MARCH 3-5, 2024 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### **CHANGE. CHALLENGE. OPPORTUNITY.**

The Legislative Action Conference (LAC) is one of SNA's most highly anticipated and informative conferences. LAC allows attendees to experience firsthand the inner workings of the democratic process, learn about current legislative and regulatory challenges facing school nutrition and advocate directly with their legislators.

#### **JOIN THE TEXAS DELEGATION**

Join fellow TASN members in Washington, D.C. for the LAC. Help advocate for our Texas school children, learn, and network with like-minded individuals. LAC attendees are also invited to join TASN at the Texas Delegates dinner on March 3, 2024, at Chef Geoff's Restaurant. **RSVP is required**.

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# Interim Final Rule Starts New Year with Thoughts of Summer By Lena Wilson

Assistant Commissioner for Food and Nutrition Texas Department of Agriculture

Another year bites the dust! The successes of 2023 are in the rearview mirror, but we have much to look forward to in 2024. This year marks



your achievement of using USDA's Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM). You prepared throughout the year and now you have a system that streamlines the management of your USDA Foods entitlement. Remember, you can save about 12 percent on your

food budget with good use of USDA Foods.

Even though the year is young, we are already looking ahead to summer 2024. In the final days of 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its Interim Final Rule pertaining to an option for Summer Non-Congregate feeding in rural areas via the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

The options in the Interim Final Rule should enable more contracting entities (CEs) to reach children in rural areas who haven't previously participated in Summer Meal Programs due to barriers such as transportation. Eligible CEs serving those areas can apply to distribute nutritious meals outside of the typically required group settings and meal service times. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) continues to evaluate the Interim Final Rule and will provide new guidance on eligibility and the application process in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of you who operate Summer Meal Programs. If you do not, please consider bringing this resource to your communities. Renewal applications for SFSP opened on January 15 and are due May 1. Are you pondering the decision to operate this summer? Remember, if your school is new to SFSP, you must submit your intent to operate the program via the SFSP Intake Form on Squaremeals.org by April 15. The deadline for renewal and new SSO applications is May 31. In 2024. TDA will continue exploring ways to maximize Summer Meal Programs, especially for children living in hard-to-reach rural areas.

Supporting rural communities and agricultural producers includes buying local foods. Many schools will use funds from Local Food for Schools (LFS) to do just that. TDA awarded 331 schools LFS amounts from \$30,000-\$250,000 depending on

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enrollment. The funds will purchase unprocessed or minimally processed Texas food products such as milk, meat, and fruit. I am looking forward to growing the Farm Fresh Network as more schools use LFS to engage with small agricultural businesses.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is currently reviewing USDA's Interim Final Rule related to Summer Non-Congregate feeding in rural areas. The interim rule should help bring the Summer Meal Programs to more Texas children. Last year, Texas schools used the Seamless Summer Option to serve more than 8 million meals and snacks during the summer break.

Important news from USDA is that Congress is currently negotiating a measure (H.R.1147 – Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023) that would allow schools to serve whole milk. I am interested, just as you are, to see how this will impact meal pattern requirements. Please know that TDA will continue to advocate on your behalf. We will provide up-to-date guidance as it becomes available.

During 2024 we will continue efforts for more communication with schools. TDA's success is often determined by the depth of the information received from you. In 2023, we introduced new webinars such as FSMC Fridays and LFS Office

Hours to ensure you had access to important information and answers to some of your questions. The monthly NSLP Newsletter has updates you need, and school webinars continue to open lines of communication.

Thanks to open and honest feedback we learned

that many schools are paying consultants for operational guidance that the Education Service Centers (ESCs) are contracted with TDA to provide. TDA has devoted significant resources and energy to ensuring the ESCs provide the latest guidance directly from TDA and USDA as well as expert technical assistance. We are determined to support your efforts to provide quality school meals. Districts should make sure that consultant contracts do not duplicate those in place with ESCs. We have created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document to help you navigate allowed and unallowed contracted services.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am confident that all of you are up to any challenge and open to every opportunity. If you feel you are not getting the assistance you need to be successful, I encourage you to reach out to me at (877) TEX MEAL (839-6325) or squaremeals@texasagriculture. gov. Please know that TDA Food and Nutrition and the ESCs will work to get you the information and support you need.

I look forward to working with you to make 2024 a great year as you continue to serve children and develop local nutrition programs that contribute an invaluable service to Texas communities.