



News From The MT Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Team

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**Happy new year to 2021-22, and a big welcome to all the new Food Service professionals at schools around the State!**

The OPI School Nutrition team has undergone some changes over the past few months, starting with the departure of School Nutrition Programs Assistant Director, Camille Biazzo. Camille and her husband relocated to Bend, Oregon, where they have both embarked on new jobs and are making the most of the amazing recreational opportunities in the Pacific Northwest!

Fortunately, we did not have to go very far to find a new Assistant Director! Caroline Olson, formerly the Program Specialist for Region 2 schools will be working alongside Christine Emerson to oversee the many facets of OPI School Nutrition Programs. Caroline's management responsibilities for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program have been turned over to Kelli Johnson, the Program Specialist for Region 1. Kelli got a jump start with the FFVP, as she managed its operation during Caroline's maternity absence with baby Winifred, who was born on May 11. Kelli has notified qualifying schools of their FFVP eligibility for the 2021-22 school year, and will be sending a reminder email when the applications are available in MAPS.

**Whether you are new to school nutrition or a returning veteran, catch up on all the latest information from School Nutrition Programs with one of our fall workshops.** Choose from four locations from around the State or attend virtually with a Zoom meeting on September 29th.

Great Falls - SEP 1, Missoula – SEP 8, Billings – SEP 15, and Glasgow – SEP 22

Two separate sessions will be held at each location. Administrative personnel in the morning, and Food Service Directors in the afternoon. These half-day sessions are led by OPI School Nutrition Program Specialists, and qualify for 2.5 hours of continuing education credit. Registration is required for the in-person events. Sign up at [opi.mt.gov](http://opi.mt.gov) >School Nutrition >Professional Standards & Training. No Registration is needed for the Zoom meeting.

**On the back of this newsletter you will find the 2021-22 shipment schedule.** Please keep in mind that this is what we have planned, but changes are possible based on whether the items arrive at our Helena warehouse as scheduled. The items listed for any given month are delivered based on what was requested on the annual survey in February of 2021. For example, we are sending out canned apple slices on the September shipment, but if you did not request any canned apples there will not be any delivered to you in September. Some items are delivered more than once a year. Ground Beef is on this August delivery, and will also be sent out on shipment #6. The total requested amount will be split between the two shipments.

**Our Mission:** OPI's School Nutrition Programs collaborate with the child nutrition community to provide high-quality training, support, and resources to ensure program integrity and access to nourishing meals.

**How can we help you?** Call OPI School Nutrition Programs at 406-444-2501 or search our [Login and Staff Directory](#) page at the School Nutrition page of the OPI website [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)

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## USDA Foods Shipment Schedule 2021-2022

	<b>Shipment 1 August</b>		<b>Shipment 2 September</b>		<b>Shipment 3 October</b>
	Starts WK of 8/23/21		Starts WK of 9/15/21		Starts WK of 10/11/21
110541	Applesauce – Cans	100206	Apples – Canned Slices	100241	Peach Cups
100307	Beans – Green	100373	Beans – Great Northern	100158	Beef -- Ground
100364	Beans -- Veggie	100134	Beef -- Crumbles	110396	Cheese – String
100158	Beef – Ground	110711	Beef – Patty	100877	Chicken – Canned
110623	Blueberries	110161	Fruit Mix -- Dried	110462	Chicken – Unbreaded Strips
110921	Chicken -- Fillet	100465	Oats	110931	Egg -- Patty
100046	Eggs – Liquid Frozen	100277	Orange Juice - Carton	100241	Peach Cups
100188	Ham – Diced	100187	Ham – Deli Sliced	100173	Pork – Leg Roast
110859	Mixed Berry Cups	100327	Tomato Paste	110730	Pork -- Pulled
110393	Pancakes	110910	Turkey – Deli Sliced	110177	Spaghetti Sauce -- Pouch
100226	Pears – Canned Halves	100330	Salsa	100125	Turkey -- Roast
100355	Potato Wedges	100935	Sunflower Seed Butter	110400	Yogurt Cups -- Blueberry
100334	Tomato Sauce				
100119	Turkey Taco Filling	100195	Tuna – possible but unlikely		
	<b>Shipment 4 November</b>		<b>Shipment 5 December</b>		<b>Shipment 6 January</b>
	Starts WK of (TBD)		Starts WK of (TBD)		Starts WK of (TBD)
110361	Applesauce -- Cups	100018	Cheese -- American	110541	Applesauce – Cans
100037	Cheese – White AMER Sliced	100021	Cheese – Mozzarella Shred	110361	Applesauce -- Cups
111100	Cereal – Oat Circle Bowl-Pak	100101	Chicken -- Diced	100307	Beans – Green
100313	Corn -- Canned	100046	Eggs – Whole Liquid FRZ	100158	Beef – Ground
100184	Ham -- Whole	100212	Mixed Fruit -- Canned	100003	Cheese – Cheddar Shred
100219	Peaches – Canned Sliced	100277	Orange Juice -- Cartons	110851	Fish Sticks – Breaded Pollock
100238	Peaches – Frozen Sliced	100241	Peach Cups	100219	Peaches – Canned Sliced
100225	Pears – Canned Diced	100224	Pears – Canned Sliced	110854	Peanut Butter -- Packets
110763	Peas -- Frozen	100357	Potatoes – Oven Fries	100293	Raisins – Single Serve
110724	Pepper & Onion Blend			100329	Tomato -- Diced
100330	Salsa			100119	Turkey Taco Filling
100256	Strawberries – FRZ Cups				
110860	Strawberries – Sliced 6/5LB				
110721	Sweet Potato Fries				
	<b>Shipment 7 February</b>		<b>Shipment 8 March</b>		<b>Shipment 9 April</b>
	Starts WK of (TBD)		Starts WK of (TBD)		Starts WK of (TBD)
100364	Beans -- Veggie	110361	Applesauce -- Cups	100348	Corn – Frozen
110711	Beef -- Patty	100362	Beans -- Refried	100220	Peaches – Canned Diced
100313	Corn -- Canned	100036	Cheese – American Skim	110401	Yogurt – Strawberry Cups
100117	Chicken -- Fajita	110396	Cheese -- String		
110211	Flour – WW Blend	110723	Cranberries – Dried -- Packets		
100212	Mixed Fruit -- Canned	110859	Mixed Berry Cups		
100225	Pears – Canned Diced	100219	Peaches – Canned Sliced		
100256	Strawberries – FRZ Cups	110730	Pork -- Pulled		
110402	Yogurt – Vanilla Cups	110398	Yogurt – Vanilla 32OZ Tub		
					<b>Questions?</b>
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