

# Wildwood *at home* December 2014

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to all of you from the Wildwood Staff!

We found some pretty interesting and fun information on the USDA website blog concerning holiday cooking. The name of this blog series is called "MyPlate Holiday Makeover." Each blog post gives some healthier options for cooking over the holidays, click (or copy and paste) this link to view the blog series: <http://blogs.usda.gov/tag/myplateholidaymakeover/> There are a total of 8 posts in all, be sure not to miss one! You can still enjoy family favorites, but consider creating some new traditions as well. There are many, many options and ideas to choose from!

Also, don't forget to check out [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) for ideas, recipes, food plans, suggestions, and recommendations. There is even a "Kids' Place" where you can print out activity sheets, physical activity ideas, and kids recipes!!

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment implemented the Healthier Meals Initiative a few years ago. This was created based on the long anticipated new meal patterns as well as the need to reduce childhood obesity. Colorado is one of only a few states that have not seen a decline in the childhood obesity rates. Each visit you have from a Wildwood Field Rep now includes a two week review of your menus to track these initiatives.

We want to thank all of you for your efforts in serving processed meat no more than once a week, juice no more than twice a week, and whole grains at least once a day. Your efforts are also noted as we process your claims. Fantastic! We have also heard from a number of you that you are encouraging your parents to continue following this plan at home.

Just a reminder for our southern providers:  
Your new representative,

Casey Garnier, can be reached at:

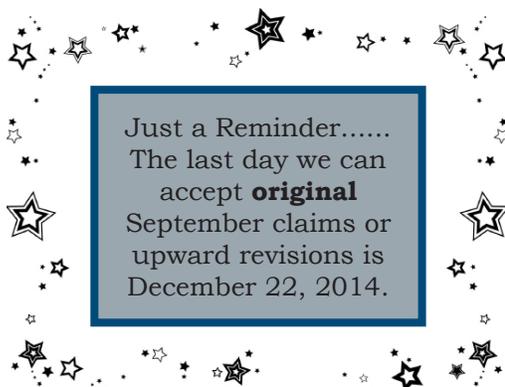
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Together we can all help fight childhood obesity.

*Kati Wagner*



Everyone at Wildwood would like to wish a very **Happy Birthday** 🎁 to the following providers with December birthdays: 🎁

Shanneen Barron, Cheryl Botinelly, Joell Bourn, Julie Carey, Debroah Cash, Dione Clafer, Michelle Cortese, Judith Edeen, Linda Farrell, Cheryl Garcia, Jeannie Garrett, Brenda Gertge, Christina Gordon, Linda Harper, Reba Hermann, Holly Hill, Ronda Hood, Janet Huppert, Angelina Jensen, Rose Johnson, Suzanna Johnson, Tama Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Trista Landry, Ashley Lazzaro, Rosa Lening, Debbie Lidor, Darlene Lowe, Betty Lowry, Roxanne Lowry, Barbara McGregor, Vikki McKeogh, Crecia Miller, Ernestina Moreno-Sosa, Jo Olson, Valarie Parton, Stephanie Reeves, Andrea Reitz, Paula Richmeier, Shevi Rivera, Rebecca Routh, Katherine Shapiro, Debbie Shimada, Sharon Ann Steel, Karen Steele, Chiquita Stewart, Claudia Sunderland, Tammy Swartz, Jeanette Thompson, Olina Thormar-Scher, Cassandra Umbarger, Laurie Ware, Tonia Young, and Betty Yount

# CLAIMS CORNER

If your license was due for renewal in November, Wildwood must have a copy of the license with the 2015 sticker attached before we can request funds to pay your claim. Please mail, email or fax a copy to the office. Watch for your continuation notice to arrive in the mail and act on it as soon as possible.

If your daycare is open on Thanksgiving Day, please document this information on your claim to ensure proper processing.

**Manual & Scan Claimers:** Please document all school closures on your claim or claim information form every month (even if you have a calendar in your file). The calendar doesn't always indicate a school closure.

When parents complete enrollment forms for school age children (kindergarten or older) they must complete the school information section on the form.

**Scan Claimers:** Please be sure that you completely fill in your bubbles, including the middle of the bubble. Double check your dates to be sure they are bubbled correctly. Do not write in the shaded columns (unless you use ink pen). You can write your menus in ink but, make sure to bubble the dates, license number, and children in attendance with a #2 pencil.

Holly is very excited that she has made the decision to retire this month. Holly has been with Wildwood for over 11 years with a short stint in between in Washington. It is with sadness for us and excitement for Holly that she moves on to a life without Wildwood! Ginny Clark, has moved into the Processing Department to continue her training as a Coordinator. Please join me in congratulating Holly and welcoming Ginny!

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