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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

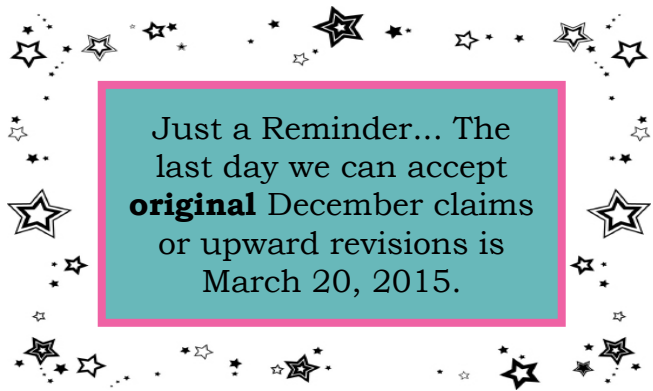
It is that time of year when we are calculating our taxes for 2014. Also, about this time of year some accountants begin to tell providers that it doesn't pay to be on the food program! While you do have to pay taxes on the food program reimbursement dollars, you ultimately end up putting more money in your pocket than if you were not on the food program. Follow this link, <http://goo.gl/Ka7jDA>, for some frequently asked questions and answers regarding this "myth". This information was provided by Tom Copeland, the nation's leading expert on family child care business issues. Please share this information with any and all child care providers with whom you associate. We want to dispel this myth so that as many child care providers as possible will participate on the food program. This reimbursement will help offset the costs of serving healthy meals and snacks to the children in their care!

The proposed Meal Pattern is out and USDA wants to hear from you! The entire proposed Meal Pattern and more great info can be found on our website:
www.wildwoodonline.org/usda-proposed-meal-pattern-changes.html

It is important to read the entire proposal because the summary doesn't include all of the proposed changes. Your comments count! USDA wants to hear what you like and why, as well as what you don't like and why. USDA has worked very hard to keep this cost neutral so the changes won't cost much, if anything, to implement. The comment period is for 90 days with the deadline being April 15, 2015. Each and every comment submitted to one of the two appropriate places will have to be read, which you can learn about by clicking the link below. Any changes that USDA feels are necessary (based on your comments) will have to be made before the new Meal Pattern is put into practice. We have already heard from a few providers wanting to incorporate some of the changes now – don't do it! Remember that these are proposed changes! When the new meal pattern becomes a rule, we will let you know!

Check out more info and how to submit your comments on our website:
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Kati Wagner



Just a Reminder... The last day we can accept **original** December claims or upward revisions is March 20, 2015.

- WHAT:** What Would Batman Eat Workshop
- WHEN:** Monday March 30th 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- WHERE:** Anythink Library
9417 Huron Street
Thornton, CO 80260
- WHY:** One hour of Nutrition training
- HOW:** Call Cindy to register: 720-363-3153

CLAIMS CORNER

If your license was due for renewal in February, Wildwood must have a copy of the license with the 2016 sticker attached before we can request funds to pay your February 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.

Please give us at least 5 business days before you call and check on a missing check. Checks are mailed on the first business day of each month. Better yet, consider doing direct deposit. It is simple & easy to do! When you have direct deposit you will always receive your reimbursement on the first business day of the month. Simply send a voided check to our office, attention Kati Wagner.

Internet Claimers: check your error reports every month. This will tell you for several months in advance when enrollment forms are expiring. Update enrollment forms in the month that they expire to prevent loss of reimbursement & from having the children drop off of your roster.

Please remember that you must notify our office right away if you are having trouble with your internet service and cannot record your meals/attendance. This must be done the day of or day after you have the problem. We will instruct you what to do when you have an interruption of service. If you wait too long we can only take meals/attendance from the previous day when you call or email us.

Thank you for being a part of the Child & Adult Care Food Program, we greatly appreciate you! Have a great month!

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~ Wildwood Resources Update ~

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