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Thursday Update

Thursday Greetings,

**Direct Certification**

Thank you to everyone who has uploaded their files for the 3rd required timeframe. Just a reminder that Direct Cert must be completed by Thursday 21 March.

**PLE Time!**

Information regarding Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) for SY 13-14 has been released by USDA. This afternoon, the OSN will send an email to all main contacts with this information. We also have a new [PLE page](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdenutritran/nutriPaidLunchEquity.htm) on our website on which you can access the memos and tool. Please note that PLEs are due to the OSN by 31 August. For questions, feel free to contact Lyza Brackett at brackett\_l@cde.state.co.us.

**New Meal Patterns**

The OSN recently uploaded a new document to our website, a Q&A from questions we have received over the past school year. This document can be found at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdenutritran/download/pdf/Additional%20New%20Meal%20Pattern%20Q%20%20As.pdf>.

**Celebrating National School Breakfast Week!**

* The CDE OSN would like to thank all of our School Breakfast Program administrators for their dedication and hard work in providing breakfast to Colorado’s children. We would also like to recognize the following SFAs for their success in increasing breakfast participation over **35%** this year!

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| **Meeker** | **Calhan** | **Ridgway** |
| **Archuleta 50JT** | **Falcon 49** | **Walsh** |
| **Cheyenne RE-5** | **Limon** | **Pueblo 70** |
| **Weld 6, Greeley** |  |  |

* The CDE OSN would also like to congratulate the following 2012-2013 Annual School Breakfast Challenge winners:

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| **George Washington High School** of Denver Public Schools, awarded gold and $4,000 | **Central High School** of Mesa County Valley School District 51, awarded silver and $2,000 |
| **Northridge High School** of Weld County School District 6, awarded gold and $4,000 | **Wheat Ridge High School** of Jeffco Public Schools, awarded silver and $2,000 |
| **Pueblo County High School** of Pueblo County School District 70, awarded gold and $4,000 | **Wasson High School** of Colorado Springs School District 11, awarded $1,000 |
| **Centennial High School** of Pueblo City 60 School District, awarded silver and $2,000 |  |

To learn more about the School Breakfast Challenge, go to: <http://www.hungerfreecolorado.org/school-breakfast-challenge.html#challenge>.

**School Grants for Healthy Kids**

Action for Healthy Kids has announced a round of grant funding, for “School Breakfast Program Creation or Expansion” and a “Universal Alternative Breakfast Pilot.” Nationally, about 400 schools will be awarded funds that will range from $1,000 to $5,000. Applications must be in by 19 April 2013. For more information, including dates for applicable webinars, please visit <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html>.

**Certified!**

Congratulations to the following districts that were certified during the past week for compliance with the new meal patterns: Harrison, Peyton, Buena Vista, Cotopaxi, Fowler, Swink, Park RE-2 (Fairplay), and Cripple Creek. Nice work!

Flash drives received: 159 (86%). *Just a friendly reminder that the OSN has up to 60 days to approve Certification materials for an SFA once a completed flash drive is received.*



Thank you,

**Jennifer**

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