

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 22, 25, 26, 29 AND JANUARY 1, 15

SCHOOL OUT REMINDERS

Remember to document school out for all children who normally attend school (including HeadStart, Pre-School, T-K and Kindergarten) for Holidays, Minimum Days and Winter Break in December and January.

- Document school out on KidKare if you claim online
- Document school out on the Monthly School Information Sheet (that you mail to the office each month with your scan claim forms).

ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS

Effective January 1, 2018 onions and mushrooms will not be an allowable food choice. Onion and mushrooms are used to flavor foods in small amounts and do not fulfill the vegetable amounts for children 1 year and older.

WHOLE GRAIN-RICH FOODS

Remember, effective October 1, 2017 you must serve at least one whole grain-rich food to the children in your care.

- If you claim online with KidKare and are serving a whole grain-rich food you must change the “NO” to a “YES” on the question “Is this whole grain-rich” under the Bread/Alternate selection.
- If you claim using the scan (bubble) claim forms and are serving a whole grain-rich food you must write “W.G.” next to the food item. W.G. = Whole Grain-rich.

Note: There are many products labeled “whole grain” or “made with whole grain” that do not meet the whole grain-rich requirement because of the first ingredient. Please review the whole grain information given to you at one of your recent Site Reviews. Example: Whole Wheat Ritz crackers do not meet the whole grain-rich requirement because the first ingredient is unbleached enriched flour. Honey Maid Graham crackers do not meet the whole grain-rich requirement because the first ingredient is unbleached enriched flour.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

November 2017 reimbursement checks will be mailed in January 2018*

December 2017 reimbursement checks will be mailed in February 2018*

*Checks are mailed when we receive the funds

Checks for late claims are mailed when we receive the late claim funds