

# Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Every school day across Toronto, more than 175,000 children and teens are nourished through Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) in their schools and communities. Each program brings together a community of volunteers who work together to prepare delicious food to give students the fuel they need to learn, laugh and play each day.

Student Nutrition Toronto (SNT) is a collaborative partnership that works together to support these SNPs. Our partners are Toronto Public Health, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto Foundation for Student Success, The Angel

Foundation for Learning and FoodShare Toronto. Having helped nourish children through SNPs for eighteen years, we are so proud to see how your local programs have grown and can't wait to see what wonderful things you'll do next!



## Food & Logistics Initiatives

To help SNPs stretch their food dollars, we are exploring exciting purchasing partnerships to improve access to healthy food.

Real Canadian Wholesale Club SNP Pilot Program	FreshCo. SNP Program	FoodReach SNP Pilot Program
This pilot offers a one-stop shop for SNPs. Nutrition Program Coordinators place their orders by email, and items are delivered directly to the school.  Typical cost savings: 9-15%	This program offers a discount on in-store purchases to SNPs.  Typical cost savings: 5%	FoodReach is a web-based portal through which SNPs order nutritious food and have it delivered directly to the school.  Typical cost savings: 10-15%

To sign up or learn more, contact:

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For more information, visit our website at www.studentnutritiontoronto.ca

#### **Feed Tomorrow Week**

During the week of October 17th, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success hosted *feed tomorrow* week to raise awareness and funds for child hunger and nutrition programs right here in our city. One of the week's events was a VIP Bus Tour, bringing VIP's who are passionate about food and child nutrition to see Student Nutrition Programs in action. We were delighted that the Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services, was on the bus! A big thank you to our wonderful hosts, Rose Ave Jr. Public School and Brock Public School, for welcoming us to their schools and sharing their programs!









### Getting to know the SNT Partners:

# Toronto District School Board's Student Nutrition Program Department

We are very excited to be part of the first Student
Nutrition Toronto (SNT) newsletter and the SNT
partnership that supports Student Nutrition
Programs. Let us give you some insight into our role.
We provide support to school administration in 418
schools with 588 programs with:

- Hiring the coordinator
- ◆ Payroll
- Food suppliers
- Developing an operating budget
- Starting up new programs
- Funding and applications
- Parent concerns
- TDSB policies on facilities, food & allergies

#### Our team consists of:

Angela Dozzi, Coordinator -- 416-394-7435; Durward Anthony, Learning Centres 2 & 3 -- 416-394-7303; Lynne Martens, Learning Centres 1 & 4 -- 416-394-7159.

If you have any questions or would simply like to talk about SNPs we would love to hear from you.



## **Getting to know Muirhead Public School's SNP**

As soon as you enter Muirhead Public School it's clear that the parents, staff and students have a tight-knit school community. A new cornerstone of this community is the school's SNP. Having started their Morning Meal Program as a pilot in the spring of 2016, they launched the full program in September 2016. Led by Joanna Hodson, parent and volunteer SNP Coordinator, each morning a group of parents come together to prepare a delicious meal for all the students, feeding over 180 children each day.



Students love the yogurt parfaits, veggie wraps and smoothies that are served! As Principal Baila Goldfarb explains, one of the best effects of the SNP is the community building and bonding that happens between students as they share a meal. Thank you to Muirhead P.S. for demonstrating just how brightly a school community can shine!









Did you know?

SNT has launched a new website!

www.studentnutritiontoronto.ca

Features include:

SNT Blog
SNT eLearning Hub
Program Resources
Financial Report Templates

### Did you know?

This year, there's a new SNP Grant Application deadline!

Applications will be available online starting December 12th, 2016 and are due by February 10th, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact your Animator or your School Board Representative.



# The Grocery Foundation's Volunteer Appreciation

Our long-time partner, The Grocery Foundation, knows how important volunteers are to Student Nutrition Programs. In recognition of their hard work The Grocery Foundation provided ten special

volunteers from across Toronto with a \$500 grant to go towards purchasing new equipment and small wares for their programs.

#### Congratulations to the 2015-16 recipients!

Maria Martin Carmie Hudson Danielle Dorion Abeer Abrahim Cristina Jacinto Annabel Glover Sharon Morgan Dani Kioulmetis Maria Torres Jeffrey Halstrom







Thank you to The Grocery Foundation!







Want to learn more?