

# Newsletter

Autumn 2017

As November brings a chill to the air, Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) across Toronto are bringing warmth and nutritious goodness to students each day. This year, Student Nutrition Ontario-Toronto is providing support to more programs than ever, with over 800 programs running in more than 600 sites across the city. We're proud to see how your programs have grown, and are excited to see what this year has in store!

## **PCCC Helping SNPs Across Canada**

On Thursday September 21st, during Hunger Awareness Week, Loblaw's Chairman and CEO, Galen Weston, joined Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter, as he announced a commitment of more than \$150 million over the next ten years to help fund Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) across Canada, through the President's Choice Children's Charity (PCCC).

Pictured on right: Sarah Davis (Chair of PCCC), Micheline Dutil-Hoffmann (Principal), Galen Weston (Loblaw's Chairman and CEO), Tina Giustizia (Angel Foundation for Learning, Nutrition Manager of Operations), John Yan (Sr. Coordinator of Communications TCDSB) Mitzie Hunter (Minister of Education)



Gathering at St. Paul's Catholic School, guests got right to work serving breakfast to a roomful of students. Thank you to the staff and students at St. Paul's for hosting the event and to PCCC for supporting SNPs.



# New logo, same partnership.

While we've updated our name and look, we're still the same collaborative partnership, working to support SNPs across Toronto. For more information, check out our website at www.studentnutritionontariotoronto.ca.

#### SNO partners with the OPMA for New Fast Food Campaign

Posters in GTA schools now!

Have you seen the colourful posters in your school promoting healthy fresh produce? We hope so! Student Nutrition Ontario (SNO), in partnership with Ontario Produce Marketing Association (OPMA), has launched the New Fast Food Campaign in over 1000 GTA schools. The goal of the "New Fast Food" poster campaign is to promote the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in the hopes of fostering healthier food choices for students. SNO would like children of all age groups to consider that 'fast food' can be a healthier choice when selecting their preferred snack. In addition to the physical posters, the OPMA is launching a social media campaign to support this initiative. Students, volunteers and parents are encouraged to visit producemadesimple.ca website and follow Student Nutrition Ontario (@studentnutriON) on Twitter for more information on the campaign. How you can help:



- When you get your four posters please put them up at your school or community site.
- Start talking about OPMA's campaign with students in your SNP.
- Take an action photo with the poster in the background and tweet it out tagging @studentnutriON and @producesimple.

## **Greetings from your FoodShare Animators!**

We, your FoodShare Animators, are dedicated to supporting you, the program coordinator, your volunteers and your program and we will assist you or connect you to the appropriate individual to address any challenges that you may encounter in operating your Student Nutrition Program (SNP). Beyond one-on-one support we are excited to offer a variety of workshops throughout the school year that we have developed to help each of you who dedicate your time and energy, to overcome the most common obstacles you have identified to us. SNP Open House workshops are just around the corner. If you were unable to register for an Open House, please note that we are presenting Budgeting workshops in January 2018, Building Blocks to Simplifying Your Menu in March 2018 and Volunteer workshops in late-April/early-May. Your animator will also let you know about Community Connect workshops as they are scheduled in your area. For more information on any of these workshops/topics, including how to register, please contact your FoodShare Animator.





#### Feed Tomorrow Week's VIP Bus Tour

As part of the 13th annual feed tomorrow week, hosted by the Toronto Foundation for Student Success, some very special guests visited two Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs), arriving in style on a big yellow school bus. The day started at the St. Lawrence Market, where VIPs, who support Student Nutrition Programs, got their day started bright and early with a guick breakfast before hopping on the bus to head off to our first stop: Winchester PS.





At Winchester PS, guests saw how a morning meal comes together, and heard some wonderful students talk about what it's like to participate in their SNP. Next, it was back on the bus for a quick ride to Jesse Ketchum Jr. & Sr. Public School, where guests got the chance to deliver the day's morning meal to classrooms, and were charmed by a group of students who had prepared a presentation on what students like best about their SNP.

A very special thanks to the staff and students at Winchester PS and Jesse Ketchum PS for being such wonderful hosts.

# It's almost time for SNP Applications!

Applications will be available online starting December 11th, 2017 and are due by February 9th, 2018.

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

#### **New Resources Available!**

Looking for tips to support your SNP? Curious about finding new ways to reach out to your community? Having trouble thinking of how to recruit more volunteers? Check out the Program Resources on the SNO-Toronto website!

By logging in to the SNO-Toronto Program Portal, you'll have access to all sorts of useful tools and resources that will help you build a thriving SNP. We're adding great new resources regularly, so be sure to check back in often!

#### How to login:

- Go to: http://www.studentnutritionontariotoronto.ca/ sno-toronto-program-portal.html
- Scroll down and click "Login"
- Enter the username: programs@studentnutritiontoronto.login
- Enter the password that all programs have been given. Unsure what the password is? No problem! Contact your FoodShare Animator.