

**Happy Fourth of July!** On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by a delegate from each of the 13 colonies to formally declare independence from Britain. We have now enjoyed that freedom for 242 years! We hope you have the best mid-week holiday celebration ever! Remember to stay hydrated, keep cool in the shade, watch some fireworks, and enjoy time with family and friends.

## Reminders

» **Congratulations!** Melissa Pinkham has worked as a Monitor (and much more) in the Nutrition Department for the past 17 years, providing us with a keen eye for detail, a sharp memory, and a whole lot of love! Though she is staying with CDA, Melissa is transferring to our Alternative Payment department July 1<sup>st</sup> and we wish to congratulate and thank her for her dedicated service to CDA!

Some providers will be meeting a new Monitor in the coming months. Let's make this transition a smooth one!

» **Annual Trainings** are almost over! The online training and quiz will only be available through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website to complete your training today in order to avoid becoming seriously deficient. To access the online training, visit the nutrition website (above), click on the *Provider's* tab at the top of the page, select *Nutrition Program, Resource Center*, then click on the *Annual Training* box. Follow the instructions from there. You will need to complete the quiz and send your signed/dated Annual Training Cover Page to the Nutrition Office by July 31st in order for your training to be complete.

» **Tiering** renewals begin this month. If tiering applies to you, you have already received your Renewal Forms in the mail. Please organize your required documents in order to complete & return forms quickly. They are due in our office by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Please be aware that these documents are time sensitive. Forms received after July will be processed in the month they are received; we are unable to process retroactively. If you have questions about tiering, please call Cecy in the Nutrition office at 619-427-4922.

» **Attendance in KidKare online** must now be recorded in addition to meals. The first meal at which you serve a child, click "Check In" to mark them in attendance. After that, claim the child as usual for the rest of the day. The "Check In" box at meals *does not affect or log* time of arrival, it only marks daily attendance for the child for that day.

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» **Annual Renewal** time is also approaching. By regulation, enrollments must be renewed annually. We will be sending a letter with instructions if you claim on-line. If you claim using scanner forms, we will mail the Annual Renewal Report form along with a letter of instructions. It is very important to follow the instructions.

### The Annual Renewals will be sent as follows:

If your last name starts with the letter:

**A – F:** Due July 15<sup>th</sup> (mailed out at the end of June)

**G – L:** Due Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> (mailed out at the end of July)

**M – R:** Due Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (mailed out at the end of August)

**S – Z:** Due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (mailed out at the end of September)

It is important that your Annual Renewal Report is dated and submitted in the month that it is due, not before or after that date.

» **The State of California** is switching to a new system for budgeting and cash management on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This new system, called FI\$Cal, **may** impact the timing of your CACFP reimbursements. Due to this new State system, your reimbursements **may** be paid out about **10 days later** than you are currently used to.

» **Save your labels** for all grain products you normally offer at your CACFP meals. This is a State requirement.

### Red, White, and Blue Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups watermelon, cubed
- 1 cup jicama, cubed
- 1 cup blueberries, rinsed
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ cup mint, chopped
- ¼ cup feta cheese, crumbled



#### Directions:

Mix watermelon, jicama and blueberries in a large bowl. Mix the lime juice, honey, and salt in a small bowl and pour over the fruit mixture. Add the feta and mint, then toss to combine. Chill for 30 minutes before serving.