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A Tribute to Jimmy Burks...

The Child Nutrition Unit is saddened to share that we have lost another member of our family.

Jimmy Burks passed away on February 11, 2014.

Jimmy was married to Eva M. Burks for 45 years, and they had two children J. Shun and Shanei and two grandchildren Shaundric and Justin.

Jimmy was educated in Sparkman and was a 1968 graduate of the Sparkman Training School. There he excelled as a student and showed tremendous enthusiasm in his studies and excellence in baseball. He furthered his education at AM&N College, now UAPB. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and proclaimed that his education was his most valued possession.

Jimmy worked as an Accountant for the State of Arkansas for 30 years. We remember him as being quiet, hard working and diligent. He served as the chairman of the ADE's Minority Recruitment Committee. Jimmy's behind-the-scenes work kept Arkansas' children eating healthy meals at school.



Jimmy loved music and sports. He was quite the Cowboys and Miami Heat fan! His favorite holidays were Valentine's Day and Christmas. A few days before his death, Jimmy asked the ladies in the office to remind him when it was Valentine's Day. He said he wanted to take Eva to dinner.

Jimmy's big heart and warm smile will be missed!



Poster Contest Winners



Bailey Ann Donnell (Above)
Division 3
Woodlawn Elementary School

The 2014 Nutrition Education Poster Contest entries were wonderful! Congratulations to the winners! The choices were difficult since there were so many exceptional posters. The poster contest is an annual event funded by the Nutrition Committee of the Arkansas School Nutrition Association (ASNA) and administered by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Child Nutrition Unit (CNU).

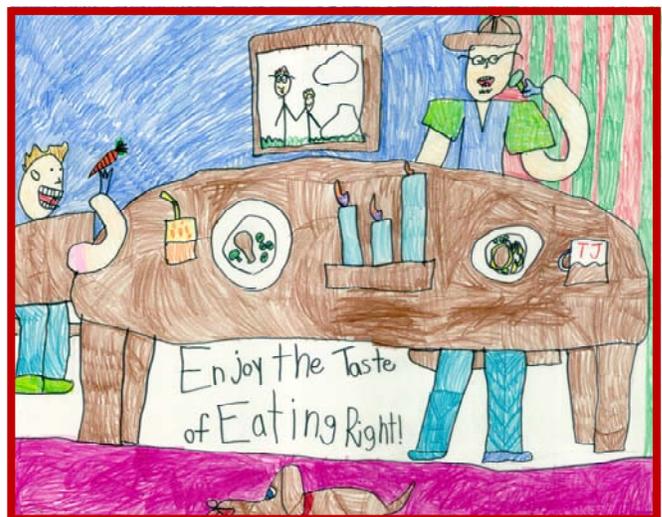
“Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right” was this year’s theme for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics National Nutrition Month Campaign. This also served as the theme for the 2014 Nutrition Education Poster Contest.

Five division winners were chosen at the state level to receive \$50 and a trophy. A Senior Division winner was selected to receive a \$300 scholarship. The instructor/art teach of each state level division winner was awarded \$100 to be used toward the purchase of classroom supplies. The Child Nutrition Manager for each state level division winner received paid ASNA dues for the year 2014-15. •



Rebecca Alexander (Left)
Senior Division
Woodlawn High School

Blaiden White (Right)
Division K
Jimmy Brown Elementary School





Claudia Lackie (Left)
Division 4
Northside High School



Darius Redix (Right)
Division 1
Jimmy Brown Elementary School



Faith Tooke (Left)
Division 2
Woodlawn Elementary School

The Child
Nutrition
Unit
congratulates
these
scholarship
recipients!

Scholarship Winners

The following individuals were awarded a School Nutrition Association scholarship to attend Managers Training this summer. Congratulations to all!

Jacqueline Crumbly from Forrest City School District

Misty Wallace from Searcy Special School District

Patricia Lawson from Harrison School District

Dianne White from Marion School District

Tracey Coder from Mountainburg School District

Lisa Trent from Cabot School District

Angelia Cooper from Western Yell County School District

Sandra LaRoe from Western Yell County School District

CNU welcomes the following new team members! Look for our new office photo in the next edition of *Nutrition News!*

Dianna Sheppard—
Accountant I

Lance Howell—
Computer Support Coordinator

Cindy Grizzelle—
Administrative Specialist III

Sheila Bailey—NEC
Area Specialist

National Farm to School Month

October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections happening all over the country between children and local food! The National Farm to School Network advocated for the creation of National Farm to School Month and now organizes the annual celebration in partnership with dozens of partner organizations. National Farm to

School Month was designated by Congress in 2010 to demonstrate the growing importance of farm to school programs as a means to improve child nutrition, support local economies and educate children about the origins of food.

Get Involved

Everyone can celebrate Farm to School Month! The Farm to School

Month 2014 fact sheet from the National Farm to School Network contains ideas for teachers, food service professionals, farmers and families. The National Farm to School Network has also developed resources and activities to promote Farm to School Month in schools, communities and media outlets. All of these tools are available on www.farmtoschool.org.

National Farm to School Month Contest

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The National Farm to School Network is sponsoring a contest for schools that participate in National Farm to School Month. Schools can enter by entering information

about their event into a share form at <http://www.farmtoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month>. The share form is a way to tell the story about a farm to school project of your school or organization, or to share about resources or ideas

you believe would be helpful to others. Simply by completing a share form, you will be entered in a national drawing to win \$1,000 to be spent on a farm to school project in your community. To enter, fill out a share form about your farm to school event at <http://www.farmtoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month>.

Arkansas Farm to School Month

Arkansas Farm to School Month Contest!

Arkansas schools that fill out a share form will also be eligible for one of two Farm to School Month prizes from the Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention. A panel of judges will choose winners for the most creative Farm to School Month promotions in Arkansas. Schools from preschool through high school are invited to share their stories and ideas and are eligible for prizes. You will be automatically entered in the Arkansas Farm to School Month Contest by filling out the National Farm to School Network share form at <http://www.farmentoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month>.

Prize for Preschool, Middle or High Schools!

Judges will select the most creative entry promoting locally grown produce among the Arkansas preschool, middle and high schools which complete a share form. The prize for the winning school is a premium anti-fatigue floor mat donated by Krebs Brothers Restaurant Supply in North Little Rock. This original one-piece polyurethane floor mat measures 3'x2'x3/4". It features a non-slip top and bottom, is anti-microbial, and easy to clean and maintain. This prize has a retail value of \$229.95!

Prize for Arkansas Elementary Schools!

Judges will select the best entry among the Arkansas elementary schools which complete a share form. The prize for the winning school is hosting the Arkansas Farm to You exhibit for free! The value of the Arkansas Farm to You exhibit visit is \$675.00!

Arkansas Farm to You is a traveling interactive exhibit for kindergarten through sixth grade students that follows food from the farm to the market and through the body. Coordinated by the University Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, it explores the relationships between Arkansas agriculture, food and health.

The winning school will need a space large enough to accommodate the 40' by 40' exhibit. A maximum of 450 students can participate in Arkansas Farm to You in a school day. Eight to ten volunteers (adults or high school students) are needed to set up and take down the exhibit. Ten volunteers per shift are needed to be station presenters. Parents, 4-H'ers, 4-H volunteers, community residents, college students and high school juniors and seniors are great for this important role.

For more information contact Andrew Carberry at ANCarberry@uams.edu, 501-813-5646

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Update

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Schools are up and running! All schools were to begin serving fresh fruit and/or fresh vegetables outside of breakfast and lunch to their students no later than the first week of September. Some schools chose to start the first week of school. Congratulations to them all for encouraging a healthy environment with fruit and vegetables at

school! If your school would like to be a part of this program next year and the school is at least 50% Free/Reduced, then plan to attend the February Distance Education Workshop to learn about the application process. Applications are due around the middle of March. Stay tuned for a Commissioner's Memo after the first of the year for the final details.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Schools should remember the following dates:

- September 30—last day to spend Allocation 1 money
- October 1—first day to spend Allocation 2 money
- November 30—last day to order equipment for FFVP

**Celebrate
National
Farm to
School
Month**



For many kids, summertime means food, friends and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, the summer months can be stressful when family food budgets are stretched even further.

Programs like summer meals help families save money and give kids the food they need to succeed but not enough kids get the meals they need regularly in the summertime. Schools can play a critical role in helping connect children

Making Cents of Summer Meals: The No Kid Hungry School Calculator

to the meals they need to live, learn and play in the summer.

For schools, every child counts and so does every dollar. For school decision-makers, the decision to run or expand school meals programs, like summer meals, often comes down to dollars and cents. The No Kid Hungry School Calculator, developed in collaboration with Deloitte Consulting LLP, is a first-of-its-kind tool that shows what it really means for a school to expand or modify meals programs. The Calculator gives

every school decision maker in America the chance to see how their bottom line could be affected by these programs – and the results can be surprising.

Help more kids in school get the food they need to succeed. Get started at www.NoKidHungry.org/SchoolCalculator.



How School Meals Affect Your Bottom Line: The No Kid Hungry School Calculator

With one in five children in America struggling with hunger, many schools are concerned about the effect of hunger on educational achievement. For schools, every child counts and so does every dollar. Programs like school breakfast, afterschool meals and summer meals help kids get the food they need to succeed, but not enough kids who need these meals are getting them regularly. For school decision-makers, the decision to run or expand these pro-

grams often comes down to dollars and cents. Most often, expanding school meal participation allows schools in high-need areas not just to feed more students, but to help their bottom line too.

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ADE Commissioner's Communication Memos

The following Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner's Communication Memos relate to Child Nutrition Programs. A complete list can be accessed on the Child Nutrition Web page at <http://www.arkansaschildnutrition.org>

[FIN-15-023](#): Pre-School- APSCN/eSchoolPlus Cycle 2 Reports for Enrollment & Free/Reduced Price Eligibles

[FIN-15-022](#): APSCN/eSchoolPlus Cycle 2 Child Nutrition Enrollment and Eligibles Reporting

[FIN-15-020](#): USDA Eligibility Manual for School Meals, Revised August 2014

[FIN-15-017](#): Buy American Requirement for USDA Child Nutrition Programs

[FIN-15-010](#): September 2014 Distance Learning- October Cycle 2 Reporting and Verification of Free and Reduced Price Applications

[FIN-15-005](#): 2014-15 Child Nutrition Reimbursement Rates

[FIN-14-082](#): August 2014 Distance Learning- Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility and Application Process for 2014-2015

[FIN-14-80](#): Maximum Portion Size and All Foods Sold on Campus Rules for 2014-15 School Year

[FIN-14-072](#): Classified Employee Minimum Hourly Wage for 2014-2015

[FIN-14-076](#): Clarification of Whole Grain-Rich Requirements for National School Lunch, School Breakfast and After-school Snack Program

[FIN-14-074](#): Questions and Answers on the School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern in School Year 2014-15

[FIN-14-071](#)- 2014 Child Nutrition Directors' Conference and New Directors' Orientation

[FIN-14-068](#)- Community Eligibility Provision Procedures

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