



The Good News! JC Family Home Association, February 2025 Volume 10/Issue 5

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Please add our phone numbers to your contacts so you know who is calling you.

February is

National Food Days

- Homemade Soup Day Tuesday, February 4, 2025
- The Big Game Sunday, February 9, 2025
- Oatmeal Monday Monday, February 10, 2025
- Valentine's Day Friday, February 14, 2025
- Almond Day Sunday, February 16, 2025
- Pistachio Day Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- Strawberry Day Thursday, February 27, 2025
- Chili Day Thursday, February 27, 2025
- National Food Weeks
- Great American Pizza Bake Sunday, February 9, 2025 to Saturday, February 15, 2025

National Food Months

- American Heart Month
- Bake for Family Fun Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- Hot Breakfast Month
- Potato Lovers Month
- Snack Food Month
- Sweet Potato Month
- [Feb Food Calendar](#)

Reimbursement table to include dates for when all supporting documents are due to the office. **The due date listed is the last possible date for the claim to be accepted. Your claim is due to the office on the 1st of every month with the grace period of up to the 5th working day of the month.**

Claim Month	All Supporting Documents* Due Date	Payment Date
January	February 18th, 2025	February 28th, 2025
February	March 18th, 2025	March 28th, 2025

- **Supporting documents** include, but not limited to: Cover sheet, Menus, Meal Attendance, Daily Attendance, Enrollments, and Meal Modification forms.

According to new guidance, please note the following updates to the enrollment form:

Effective Date Clarification: Previously, the effective date added to the enrollment form was used to determine when an enrollment was effective. Moving forward, the enrollment is considered effective based on the date the parent provides on the "Today's Date" line.

Important Note: For example, if a child starts in your care on February 3rd but the parent does not fill out the form until later and dates the form as February 10th, we must use the February 10th date when processing your claim. Consequently, we cannot reimburse you for the days prior to that date.

Action Required: Please update your procedures to ensure parents are instructed on what date to list on the “Today's Date” line of the enrollment form.

Implementation Timeline: While changes to the form will be made starting August 2025, please understand that this new policy is already in effect.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

2025 Calendar - If you didn't receive a calendar for 2025 and you want one, please contact the office and I will mail one to you.

Training Dates - see the table below. Call, text or email to let us know which one you will be attending. Thank you.

Holton	2/25/2025	6pm - 8pm	First Baptist Church	404 Juniper Dr
Abilene	3/6/2025	6pm-8pm	Abilene Library	209 NW 4th St
Clay Center	3/27/2025	6pm - 8pm	Health Department	820 Spellman Cir
Topeka	4/5/2025	9:30am-11:30am	TSCPL - Claire's Sunroom	1515 SW 10th St
Salina	4/8/2025	6pm - 8pm	Health Department	125 W Elm St
JC	4/12/2025	9:30am - 11:30am	Dorothy Bramlage Library	230 West 7th St
MH	4/24/2025	6:30pm - 8:30pm	First Baptist Church	2121 Blue Hills Rd
Concordia	5/8/2025	6pm - 8pm	CCCC RM #259	2221 Campus Drive

Farm to Plate Grant - Hey! Great News! I was awarded the Farm to Plate Grant! I requested approximately \$475 worth of stuff for the 21 providers who signed up for this opportunity! I will be purchasing the stuff and getting it ready for you to pick up. The date for pick up is March 8, 2025 in JC. I'm working to try and see if the dirt can be delivered to you - you need to be fluid and flexible and trust that I'm trying to make this as easy on everyone as possible.

February is...

Bake for Family Fun Month! Tips for Cooking with Children!

Children enjoy helping in the kitchen and often are more willing to eat foods they help prepare. Involve your child in planning and preparing some meals and snacks for the family. It is important that you give kitchen tasks appropriate for your child's age. Be patient as they gain new skills at different ages. Here are a few tips:

Don't try to cook with children when you are in a hurry – choose a time when you can enjoy the experience.

Start with simple recipes (less than five ingredients) so your child can see fast results and not get impatient waiting.

Children will be messy. Allow extra time for clean-up.

Read through the recipe and decide which steps are appropriate for your child's skill level. You want your child to have a positive experience in the kitchen