Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs
Key Points and Due Dates

Power Panther Pals Primary Level
- Grades K-2
- 8-week nutrition education program with teacher manual, student materials, physical activity, and cooking/tasting activities.
- Mini grant funds in the amount of $5 per student (to purchase food/supplies for cooking/tasting activities)
- Applications available on www.kansasteamnutrition.org
- Due date for applications: September 30, 2011

Power Panther Pals Intermediate Level
- Grades 3-5
- 8-week nutrition education program with teacher manual, student materials, physical activity, and cooking/tasting activities.
- Mini grant funds in the amount of $5 per student (to purchase food/supplies for cooking/tasting activities)
- Applications available on www.kansasteamnutrition.org
- Due date for applications: September 30, 2011

Power Up
- Grades 6-8
- 9-week nutrition education program with teacher and student materials that supports a student-driven wellness initiative in school
- Mini grant funds in the amount of $5 per student (to purchase food/supplies for cooking/tasting activities) as well as $100 per participating classroom to support the student-driven wellness initiative.
- Applications available on www.kansasteamnutrition.org
- Due date for applications: October 17, 2011

Family Fun, Food & Fitness Events
- Grades K-12 (Head Start and other preschool programs connected to a USD are also encouraged to attend)
- Guidance and mini-grant funds to support a school-wide wellness event
- Mini grant funds in the amount of $250 per school to purchase food and supplies for activities, to print take-home materials for families, and to purchase incentives to encourage participation.
- Applications available on www.kansasteamnutrition.org
- Due date for activities in the Fall of 2011: September 16, 2011
- Due date for activities in the Spring of 2012: January 6, 2012

Power Panther Professionals
- School and child care facility staff
- Guidance and mini grant funds to support staff wellness initiatives
- Mini grant funds in the amount of $10 per participant to purchase food and supplies for activities, to print take home materials for participants, and to purchase small incentive-types of items for participants.
- Three versions: MyPyramid Basics, Wellness Every Day, and Be a Healthy Role Model.
- Applications available on www.kansasteamnutrition.org
- Due date for applications: September 30, 2011
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Body Venture
- Grades K-5
- Guidance and support to host a visit from the Body Venture exhibit in your school
- Charge $1.50 per child up to $500 per day
- Can accommodate up to 500 children per day
- Applications available on www.bodyventure.org
- Applications available on April 1 and generally due by May 1 of each year; however currently there are three weeks that are still available for schools to schedule:
  o December 13-15, 2011
  o January 17-19, 2012
  o March 13-15, 2012
  o Contact Kathy Thompson directly if you are interested in scheduling a Body Venture visit during any of these dates: kthompson@ksde.org.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- For elementary schools participating in the NSLP
- Applications were due May 6, 2011 and award letters will be sent out in June
- $ of grant money is available for 2011-2012 school year which provides $55 per student at participating schools for reimbursement of funds used for purchasing, preparing, and serving fresh fruits and vegetables to students.
- All students in participating schools must be provided with the fruit/veggie snack.
- Schools are encouraged to provide nutrition education with the service of fruit/veggie snacks.
- Partnerships from non-federal sources are encouraged

HealthierUS School Challenge
- Voluntary initiative that was established to recognize schools that are creating healthier school environments through their promotion of good nutrition and physical activity
- Criteria for awards reflect the recommendations of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Schools participating in the HealthierUS School Challenge can apply for 4 different award levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Gold of Distinction.
- Monetary incentive awards are available for schools achieving each award level
- Schools must meet a basic set of criteria. To be certified, a school must:
  o be enrolled as a Team Nutrition School
  o provide nutrition education to students
  o provide students the opportunity for physical activity
  o maintain an Average Daily Participation of school enrollment for reimbursable lunches (starting at the Silver award level)
  o adhere to guidelines established by FNS for foods served/sold in schools outside the National School Lunch Program.
- For more information, visit www.teamnutrition.usda.gov