

BUTTERBALL®

K-12 Recipe Calendar

Discover delicious recipes, fun activities
and helpful tips to keep students healthy
and happy, no matter the season.





Back ON THE Bus

Give students opportunities to reconnect with classmates after the summer break.



Let's Celebrate



AUGUST

AUG. 6:

DOG APPRECIATION DAY

Invite students to bring a picture and a few fun facts about their furry friends, then display them around the cafeteria for everyone to admire and share.

MORE FUN IDEAS:

AUG. 13 **Left-Hander Day:**

Challenge students to legibly write a school spirit phrase with their non-dominant hand. Display a list of famous left-handed people in history, like Albert Einstein and Oprah Winfrey.

AUG. 18 **Fajita Day:**

Celebrate today with warm tortillas filled with fresh veggies and toppings.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 19:

INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

List lunch items in pirate-speak, then send young scallywags on a treasure hunt!

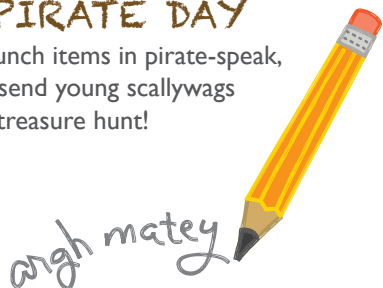
MORE FUN IDEAS:

SEPT. 12 **Hug and High-Five Day:**

Encourage students to greet each other after the break with a hug or high-five.

SEPT. 16 **Guacamole Day:**

Feature the delicious dip creatively, such as in taco salads or spread on toast.



fun and tasty RECIPES

Welcome students back to school with these crowd-pleasing recipes. With deliciously seasoned Butterball ground turkey thigh roast, these sliders are sure to delight. And students will love scooping up the fresh lettuce, salsa and zesty shredded turkey in these walking nachos.



Turkey Sloppy Joe Sliders

Green Chili Turkey Walking Nachos



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Social Tip

All aboard! Send out a welcoming message to students and mention the fun icebreaking activities and delicious lunches they can anticipate. And don't forget to follow and tag **Butterball Foodservice** on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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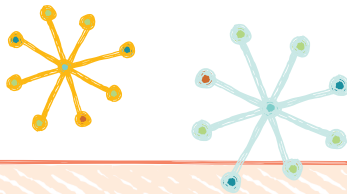
AUTUMN

Flannel & Frost

It's a great time to button up and enjoy the crisp weather with tasty autumn and winter foods.



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OCTOBER

OCT. 26:

NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY

Have students learn about the different kinds of pumpkins, like Baby Boo, Cinderella and Warty Goblin, then invite them to decorate mini pumpkins for friends and family.

MORE FUN IDEAS:**OCT. 1 National Hair Day:**

Everyone comes to school with a funky hairdo!

OCT. 4 Taco Day:

Let students choose their toppings to add to a delicious jerk turkey filling.

NOVEMBER

NOV. 17:

TAKE A HIKE DAY

Serve cups of trail mix and decorate with colorful autumn leaves. Or name menu items after local hiking trails or national parks.

MORE FUN IDEAS:**NOV. 1 National Authors' Day:**

Hold your own schoolwide writing challenge! Invite students to write and complete a novel (or story) by the end of the month. Then let students share excerpts with their classmates.

NOV. 3 Sandwich Day:

Have students vote on their favorite sandwich, then have a special "sandwich council" count the votes and see which is the most popular! Serve the winning sandwich at the end of the month.

DECEMBER

DEC:

NATIONAL CAT LOVERS' MONTH

Have students bring in photos or draw pictures of their feline friends to delight their classmates.

MORE FUN IDEAS:**DEC. 16 Festive Sweater Day:**

Ugly or gorgeous, everyone wears their most festive sweater today!

DEC. 26 National Thank-You Note Day:

Give students a chance to write thank-you notes to staff, teachers, friends or family. Students can then hand-deliver or display their messages on the walls for everyone to appreciate.

bright and festive RECIPES

Who doesn't love taco day? Simple and customizable, these street tacos with Butterball turkey thigh roast will hit the spot. Or lean into seasonal flavors with this cranberry and sliced Butterball turkey breast sandwich with crunchy sunflower seeds.



**Jerk Turkey
Street Tacos**

**Sunny Cranberry
Turkey Sandwich**



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Time for fall flavors! Introduce the "Flannel & Frost" theme for this quarter and mention the festive flavors students will enjoy. And don't forget to follow and tag **Butterball Foodservice** on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Bundle Up!

It's the perfect season for warm bowls of comforting food.



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JANUARY

JAN. 31:

BUNDLE UP BACKWARDS DAY

Everyone wears their favorite sweater backward!

MORE FUN IDEAS:

JAN. 17 Kid Inventors' Day:

Hold a contest for the coolest invention.

JAN. 19 National Popcorn Day:

Offer a hot, buttery and crispy snack alongside lunch.

FEBRUARY

FEB. 14:

LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

Students design and send valentines to their favorite librarians.



MORE FUN IDEAS:

FEB. 4 Homemade Soup Day:

Serve students from a "soup bar" and let students select ingredients for you to serve them. Offer different vegetables and noodles to add to their choice of vegetable or meat broth.

FEB. 24 Tortilla Chip Day/Chili Day:

Let students choose their favorite toppings for you to add to their chili, like cheese, sour cream, chives or chips.

MARCH

MAR. 2:

NATIONAL OLD STUFF DAY

Ask students to bundle up old toys or clothes from home and bring them to school to donate to charity.

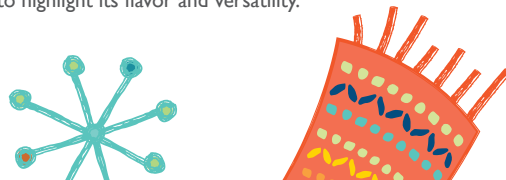
MORE FUN IDEAS:

MAR. 13 National Napping Day:

Everyone comes to school in pajamas!

MAR. 19 National Poultry Day:

Offer dishes featuring different kinds of poultry to highlight its flavor and versatility.



comfy and cozy RECIPES

Serve up coziness! This pot pie is chock-full of veggies and Butterball turkey tenderloin medallions. And students will love this deliciously satisfying chili with Butterball turkey thigh roast, especially when you serve it with this sausage and cheese cornbread.



Sriracha Turkey Chili with Sausage Cheese Cornbread



Turkey Pot Pie Soup with Biscuit

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Layer on the fun! Introduce the "Bundle Up" quarterly theme and tease cozy lunches and activities students can look forward to. And don't forget to follow and tag **Butterball Foodservice** on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Spring INTO Nature!



Get students involved in learning about the little ways we can help the Earth live its healthiest life—so that it can support us in living ours!



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APRIL

APR. 27:

STOP FOOD WASTE DAY

Challenge students to reduce their amount of wasted lunch food by eating everything on their tray. Count trash bags at the end of each lunch period to determine which group wasted the least and reward the winner with a special treat, like an ice cream social.

MORE FUN IDEAS:

APR. 12 Grilled Cheese Day:

Let students choose extra toppings, like onions, tomatoes or lettuce.

APR. 23 National Picnic Day:

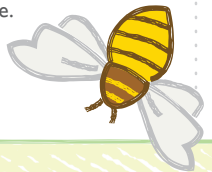
Spring is coming, so let's go on a picnic! Deck out your lunchroom with gingham picnic tablecloths, offer baskets of fruit and feature picnic-worthy lunches.

MAY

MAY 20:

WORLD BEE DAY

Display posters with facts about bees, their importance as plant pollinators and actions we can take to help them thrive.



MORE FUN IDEAS:

MAY 6 School Lunch Hero Day:

Offer students the chance to write and display thank-you notes to staff members.

MAY 24 Scavenger Hunt Day:

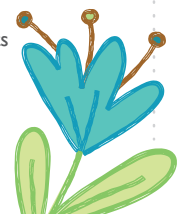
Hide photos or toys representing foods from each of the major food groups around the cafeteria or school. Challenge students to find them all. Have classes compete against each other to win a prize or special treat.

JUNE

JUN. 17:

EAT YOUR VEGETABLES DAY!

Love 'em or hate 'em, we couldn't live without 'em. Encourage students to celebrate the most beautiful and delicious seasonal veggies by adding more to their plates or trying a new one.



MORE FUN IDEAS:

JUN. 8 World Oceans Day:

Make it a beach day! Display facts about the importance of preserving the ocean and actions youth can take to get involved. Serve dolphin-safe tuna sandwiches or fish sticks with tangy boardwalk fries.

JUN. 15 Nature Photography Day:

Have students submit their original nature photographs and create a gallery wall for their classmates to appreciate.

fresh and exciting RECIPES

Celebrate spring with fresh vegetables, herbs and exciting flavors when you serve this Asian turkey salad featuring Butterball turkey tenderloin medallions. Or serve a dish with unique flavors with this BLT salad with turkey bacon.

**Asian Turkey Salad****BLT Salad with Creamy Cilantro Avocado Dressing**

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Social Tip

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