

Alaska Farm to School listserv – Week 33: 14 - 18 Aug 2017



Aug 15th was Julia Child's Birthday (bake a beautiful cake for her!!)

Aug 16th is National Bratwurst Day (fire up the grill!!)

Aug 19th is National Potato Day (so very many options – try them all!!)



Grants & Funding Opportunities (money!)

1. Target Field Trip Grants

The Target Field Trip Grants program provides funds for K-12 field trips to give students throughout the country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Online applications will be accepted between August 1 and October 1, 2017. [Learn more and apply.](#)

2. Project Produce: Fruit and Veggie Grants for Schools

The Chef Ann Foundation presents Project Produce: Fruit and Veggie Grants for Schools. This grant is designed to help increase kids' access to fresh fruits and vegetables and create experiential nutrition education when and where students make their food choices: in the cafeteria. The \$2,500 one-year grants support food costs to incorporate school-wide fruit and vegetable tastings into the school's nutrition program. Grants will be determined on an ongoing basis depending on available funding. [Learn more and apply.](#)

3. 2017 Alaska Equipment Grant

Elizabeth Seitz, the Alaska National School Lunch Program Coordinator, sent out the new 2017 Equipment Grant Application. For qualifications and information, please head [here](#). Due August 31, 2017 by 4:30pm.

4. Whole Kids Foundation Grants

Yes, it is early, but start getting your creative juices flowing with these two grants from Whole Kids Foundation.

US School Gardens Grant

Created in partnership with FoodCorps, the School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to a K-12 school, or a non-profit working in partnership with a K-12 school, to support a new or existing edible garden on school grounds. The application period is from September 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. Stay tuned for a copy of the grant application. Email grants@wholekidsfoundation.org with any questions.

Extended Learning Garden Grants – Honey Bees

In partnership with the Bee Cause Project, the Honey Bee Grant program allows for a K-12 school or non-profit organization to receive support for an educational honey bee hive. They will offer three grant options.

For more information on each grant option, please read the [Honey Bee Grant application](#). The Letter of Intent period is from September 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 and the full application closes on November 15, 2017. Email grants@wholekidsfoundation.org with any questions.

5. Farm to School Grant Opportunities from USDA

Key Dates

- September/October 2017 - Release of FY 2018 Farm to School Grant RFA
- December 2017 - Applications Due for FY 2018 RFA
- May/June 2018 - Award Announcement for FY 2018 Farm to School Grant

If you are interested in applying for a Farm to School Grant, the FY 2018 Request for Applications (RFA) will be released in the fall of 2017. There are additional funding opportunities for farm to school activities, take a look at the [USDA Grants and Loans that Support Farm to School Activities](#) for more details. For more information about the Farm to School Grant program, visit the [grant program](#) page for an overview of past grantees, program summary reports, and more.

Cool Resources, Reports, Opportunities

Alaska Traditional Foods Movement Presents Niqipiat Nigikkavut Symposium in Kotzebue – * NEW *****



Melissa Chlupach, Regional Healthcare Dietitian with NANA Management Services, sent this and I want to pass it along. The event itself is FREE!!! Thanks, Melissa 😊 If you can get to Kotzebue from September 6-8, make sure to attend this!!

BEE the Change Summer Pollinator Garden Giveaway – * NEW *****

*** Note – please note it doesn't dismiss a school or garden in Alaska as a potential winner, but they do send the materials out in September!! The one thing I do know is that you can't win if you don't play!!! Once you win, you can negotiate a good time for shipping with them later 😊

KidsGardening, American Meadows, and High Country Gardens want to thank educators and parents teaching children about Pollinators with the BEE the Change Summer Pollinator Garden Giveaway. Launching Pollinator Week (June 19-25, 2017), the collaboration will give away pollinator plants and seeds to 31 winners. The Grand Prize is a pollinator garden—up to 80 plants to cover an area of 1,000 sq. ft—designed by High Country Gardens Chief Horticulturist Dave Salzman or American Meadows pollinator plant expert Mike Lizotte. The additional 30 awards are a '10-plant collection' each selected specifically for your region. For more information, please [read more](#). Deadline is August 31, 2017.

2017 Northwest Intertribal Agriculture Council Conference and Youth Summit – * NEW *****

REGISTRATION IS FREE! Register for the Council Conference online at this [Google Form](#). This is in Pendleton, OR September 11-12, 2017. The hosts, Tilcham Tribal Conservation District does encourage those attending to make reservations at the Wild Horse Casino and Resort, 800-654-9453, as soon as possible. A block of rooms have been reserved for September 10, 11 and 12. When making reservations refer to the NORTHWEST INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL CONFERENCE to secure the group rate of \$85.95/courtyard and \$105/tower (plus tax) per night. The Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit application is [here](#).

Teaching Nutrition, Health, or Science this Year? How about wanting cool posters for the lunch line?

Printed Team Nutrition materials are available, as supplies last, to schools, child care providers, summer meal sites, State agencies, and sponsors that participate in the USDA Child Nutrition programs via an online [order form](#). All others are welcome to download materials from our [website](#). To inquire about bulk orders, please send an email to teamnutrition@fns.usda.gov.

Growing/Gardening/Farming News

Farm to School Podcast Recommendations

Last month, the National Farm to School Network asked: what are your favorite farm to school and food systems podcasts? And we heard from lots of you - our Core Partners and Supporting Partners, members, social media followers and staff. Here is an abbreviated list of the most shared recommendations. The next time you are working in the school garden or on the farm, dicing vegetables for school lunch, or commuting to work, try one of these podcasts for some food for thought! [Read more and start listening](#).

Success Stories

So many amazing things happening all around the state. . . lemme hit ya' with some awesome work happening out and around!!!

Now for our last installment of David Robinson's site visits for the Farm to Summer Meal Programs!



At the Bristol Bay 4-H Summer Youth Culture Camp in Dillingham, the youth got to learn how to process local salmon and how to grow radishes and strawberries. In preparation for a beekeeping youth club they are starting next year, they taught the children about beekeeping and showed them the equipment and supplies.



The Dillingham Christian Youth Center has an awesome garden area full of a variety of plants, including several types of berries. They have plans to expand their garden with a greenhouse for next year, as well.

In Anchorage, the Boys & Girls Club Child Development Center is having a blast with their garden. The children love it when snack time is picking strawberries or snap peas. They get to go on field trips to the local nursery or farmer's market, as well.

Everywhere we went, students were so excited about growing their own food or getting to do fun activities related to local foods. For locations that have finished their summer programs, thanks for all your hard work! For sites in the final stretch of their program, keep up the great work and enjoy your harvest! THANKS DAVID!

***** UPDATE/CORRECTION ***** Heading to the Alaska State Fair at the end of the month? Do I have a deal for you and your family. . . Be sure to check out the agricultural exhibits at the 2017 Alaska State Fair which runs from August 24th through September 4th. If you wear your Alaska Grown Apparel on 31 August “Alaska Grown Day” (BIG veggie weigh-in day), you’ll get a \$2.00 discount on your admission price at the Fair gates. Thank you for supporting our Alaskan Farmers and Alaska Grown!



What are you doing to support local producers? Take the \$5 Challenge and spend \$5 every week on Alaska Grown at your local retailers. It’s prime season for Alaska Grown produce, meat, and flowers so take the challenge and support our local economy by spending \$5 a week on Alaska Grown.

Now, get outside and get your hands dirty!! It is time to harvest what you have planted!! Tell me about your amazing gardens and what is happening with you!! Send me YOUR success – no matter what size or from where!! Happy local foods and your farm to school successes!! Let me know if you have some great photos or success at your schools – I’ll post everything I get!!! It isn’t bragging if it is true!!

Be well,
Jodie