

Alaska Farm to School listserv – Week 36: 4 – 8 Sep 2017



September is National Breakfast Month (the most important meal!!!)
September is also National Potato Month (so many options!!)
Sep 5th is National Cheese Pizza Day (I'm all for this celebration!)



Grants & Funding Opportunities (money!)

1. Health Impact Project Funding – *** NEW ***

The Health Impact Project offers up to \$100,000 funding to communities and organizations seeking to promote the consideration of health in policy and decision-making. Eligibility varies based on the specific [call for proposals](#) (CFP). Deadline: Sept. 15.

2. Voice for Healthy Kids

The American Heart Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are working to create a culture of health through Voices for Healthy Kids. The goal of the grant opportunities within this initiative is to make effective strategic investments in ongoing state, local, and tribal public policy issue campaigns to increase public policy impact on healthy weight and living among children. [Learn more](#). Applications are due **September 6**.

3. 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](#).

4. 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](#).

5. 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.

6. 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.

NEW SECTION – National Farm to School Month is October

October is National Farm to School Month!! I have been planning and thinking and collecting and laughing and playing with tons of ideas and it all comes down to just one thing: I want you to CELEBRATE local food in October!! Did you grow it? Buy it? Cook it? Eat it? Think about it? Plan for it? If you do anything in October I want you to CELEBRATE!!!

You may be thinking, Jodie, we don't have a school garden or even grow anything at our house – PERFECT!! You are still in!! CELEBRATE local food – that is the theme I'm pushing forward!! I will have announcements and information about Farm to School Month every Tuesday in this section of the newsletter so stay tuned! We will also be releasing the new Farm to School website soon and all this will be front and center there as well 😊

Here is the calendar for your use (please let me know if you'd like me to send you a pdf version):

October 2017 – Farm to School Month!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tubers and Roots of Alaska Week	2 All about tubers and roots we eat in Alaska	3 Potatoes	4 Indigenous Tubers and Roots We Eat: Eskimo potatoes	5 Carrots	6 Tubers and Roots of Alaska Celebration Day	7
8	9 All about meats we eat in Alaska	10 Pork	11 Indigenous Meats We Eat: Caribou	12 Reindeer	13 Meats of Alaska Celebration Day	14
15 Leaves of Alaska Week	16 All about leaves we eat in Alaska	17 Cabbage	18 Indigenous Leaves We Eat: Fiddlehead Ferns	19 Greens Many Ways: Cooked & Salad	20 Leaves of Alaska Celebration Day	21
22 Fish of Alaska Week	23 All about fish we eat in Alaska	24 Halibut LOCAL FOOD LUNCH DAY!!	25 Indigenous Fish We Eat: Salmon	26 Shellfish	27 Fish of Alaska Celebration Day	28
29 Fruits of Alaska Week	30 All about fruits we eat in Alaska	31 Strawberries	Indigenous Fruits We Eat: Salmonberries	Apples	Fruits of Alaska Celebration Day	

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I just got a HUGE box delivered in the mail and I have lots of goodies for National Farm to School Month from the National Farm to School Network. Here is what I have:



Stickers



Cool Ideas Info



Fun Posters on Card Stock

Please let me know if I can send you some goodies!! Next week I'll let you know about all our "prizes" for those who participate in Farm to School Month activities!!! A hint: curriculum, books, edible markers, cookie cutters. . .

Cool Resources, Reports, Opportunities

Save the Date: 9th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference

April 26-27, 2018 in Cincinnati, OH

Save the date for the [9th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference](#), coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, April 26-27, 2018! Hosted by the [National Farm to School Network](#), this biennial event will convene more than 1,200 movement leaders working to source local food for institutional cafeterias and foster a culture of healthy food and agricultural literacy across America. Cafeterias in schools, early care and education

settings, universities, prisons and hospitals serve more than 40 million Americans every day, placing the farm to cafeteria movement at the forefront of the fight to end obesity and strengthen local food systems and economies. The National Farm to Cafeteria Conference is the only national gathering of stakeholders from across this movement, making it the premiere opportunity to learn, network and collaborate with likeminded leaders from across the country. Learn more and sign-up for updates at farmtoschool.org/conference.

Join us in Cincinnati! Save the date for the 9th National Farm to Cafeteria, April 26-27, 2018: farmtoschool.org/conference #Farm2Caf18



Alaska Traditional Foods Movement Presents Niqipiat Nigikkavut Symposium in Kotzebue

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!!

National Farm to School Network in Action: January-May 2017 – *** NEW ***

As a collective, the National Farm to School Network brings people together, develops programs, drives policy change and educates on the benefits of farm to school and farm to early care and education at the local, state and national levels. A new report showcases connections made, policies advanced and successes from across the country between January-May 2017. This report summarizes input received from 42 Core Partners and 78 Supporting Partners in states, Washington, D.C. and U.S. Territories, most of whom began their work with NFSN in March, as well as 11 national staff. [View the report here](#).

Anchorage School Garden Roundtable Discussion – *** NEW ***

The Mayor's Office Resilience AmeriCorps VISTA, Catherine Kemp, is hosting a roundtable discussion about Anchorage School Gardens. The discussion has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 5th from 4:30-6:30pm!** It will take place at City Hall (632 W. 6th Ave) in the Mayor's Conference Room, Suite 830, and food will be provided. Catherine let me know that "if you are unable to attend but would still like to receive meeting notes/resources and to be kept in the loop about future meetings, please let me know. Looking forward to meeting you all and discussing how to make our school garden programs stronger." Please contact Catherine if you have any questions: KempCJ@muni.org.

Growing/Gardening/Farming News

Farm to Prison Success at Lemon Creek Correctional Center

A program in Juneau that is working to rebuild itself is working. Great work happening in our Capitol City!! Check out this great article from the Juneau Empire [here](#).

Success Stories

The Fair is over. The summer is over. Don't look so sad. . . it is HARVEST TIME!!! Time to reap what you've sown! Time to pull in all those great veggies you have loved since you planted those little seeds

back in March! Time to eat and store all your delicious, fresh, local grown, tasty foods!! I know I have two great stories coming in about harvests and local grown, but I NEED yours!! Come on – send me a couple of fotos and a sentence or two – not a dissertation or novel or even novella, but just a couple of strings of words that make sense and tell us how your harvest is going!!



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**