



**MONTANA
FARM TO
SCHOOL**

**Farm to School Successes:
School Gardens**

OPI Webinar Wednesday | April 8, 2020

Attendance

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- Your name
- School district/organization name

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Overview

F2S Basics

School Garden Resources

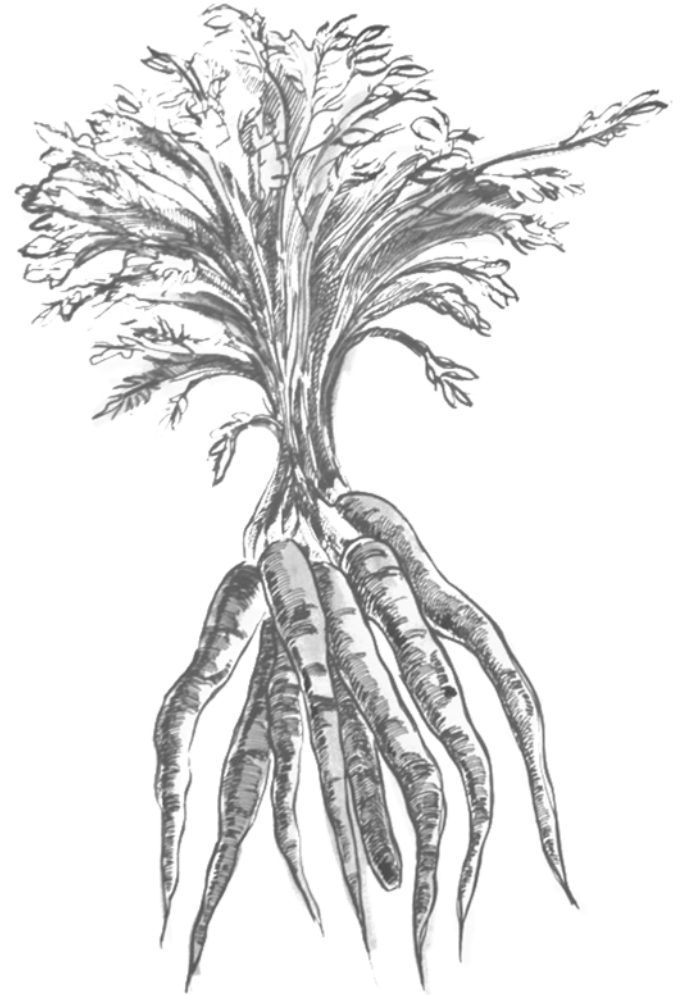
Fairview

Livingston - Farm to School of Park County

Frenchtown

Resources + Upcoming Events

Q&A – Type your questions in the chatbox throughout the webinar



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BIG SKY



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CORE ELEMENTS OF **FARM** *to* **SCHOOL**





HINSDALE



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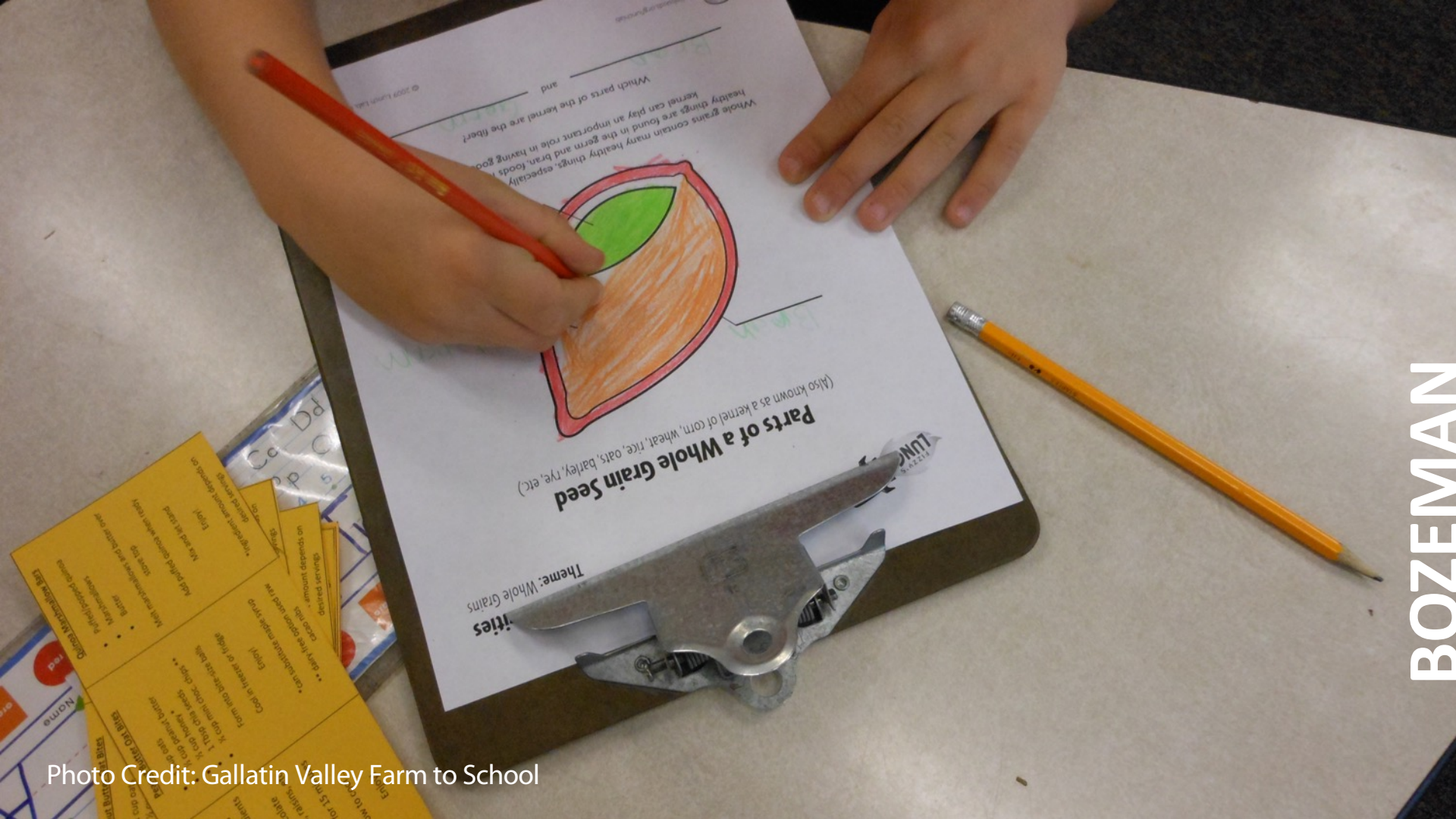


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Parts of a Whole Grain Seed

(Also known as a kernel of corn, wheat, rice, oats, barley, rye, etc.)

Theme: Whole Grains

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Farm to School is Growing in Montana

57.1%

Montana schools participating in farm to school in 2019-2020

48.7%

Serving local products in school meals

22.6%

Leading farm to school educational activities

19.8%

Creating and tending school gardens

Farm to School Benefits

**Public
Health**

Economy

Education

Environment

**Community
Engagement**



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Harvest of the Month



Calendar 2019-2020



August – Cherries



September – Kale



October – Apples



Nov. – Winter Squash



December – Lentils



January – Carrots



February – Beets



March – Grains



April – Chickpeas



May – Beef



June – Leafy Greens



July - Dairy

Audiences



*Launching March 2020

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Harvest of the Month

<https://youtu.be/rA-N5SmawBI>

How to Register

Existing Sites

- End of Year Report
- Due June 30

New Sites

- Registration Form
- www.montana.edu/mtharvestofthemonth

Seeding Success

Garden Team

Purpose

Management

Access – Kids,
Teachers, Adults

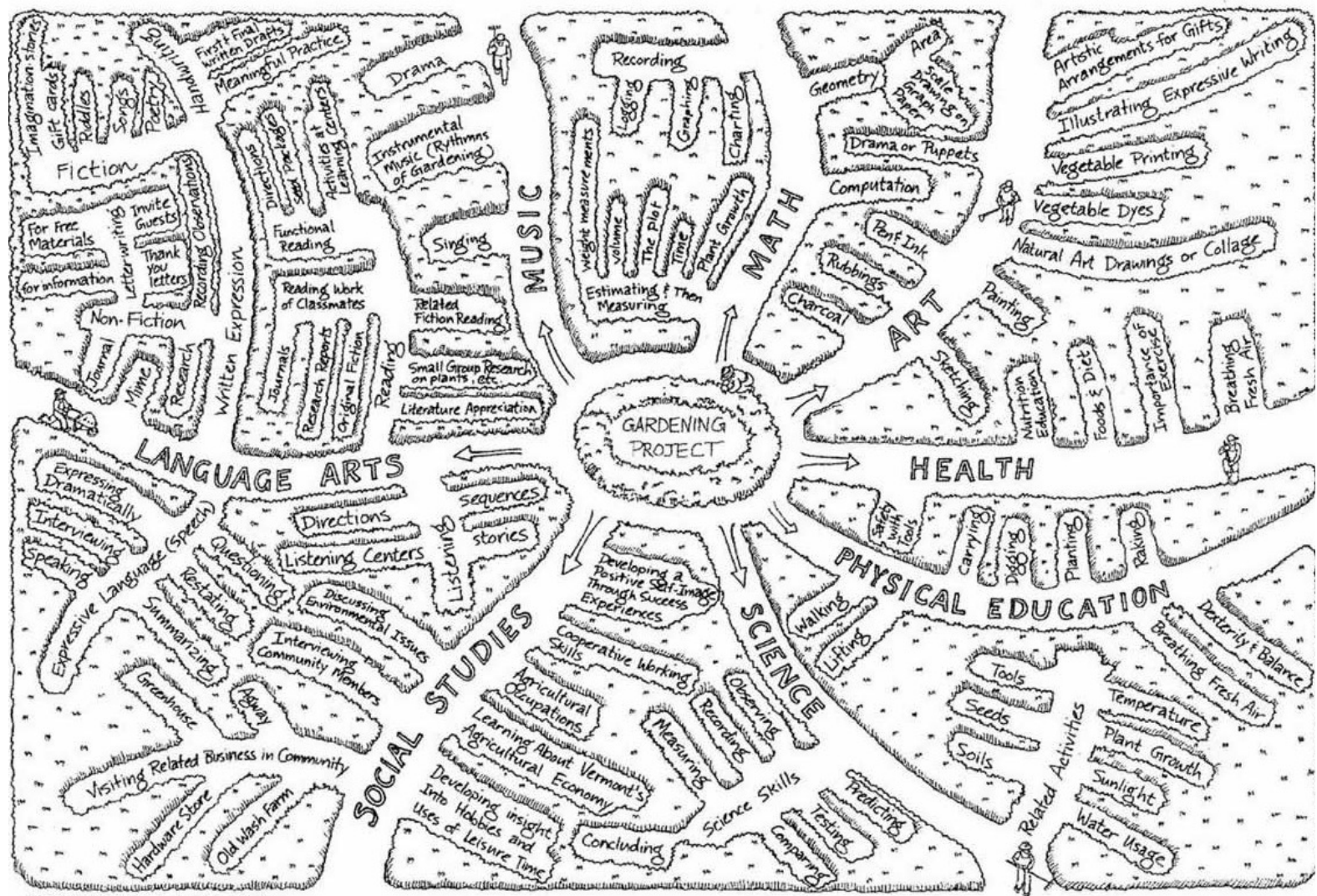
Water

Planting
Schedule

Resources

Communication

Evaluation



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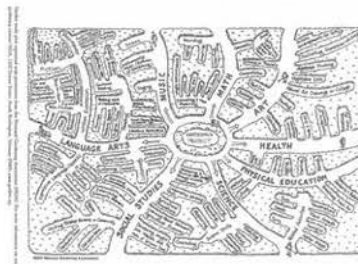
School Gardens

Intro to School Gardens

School gardens provide wonderful hands-on learning opportunities for students of all ages. Using school garden produce in the cafeteria for meals or

taste tests is a great way to strengthen the connections students are making about where food comes from, and kids are more likely to try new foods if they grew those foods themselves!

Over 7,000 schools across the nation reported having a school garden in the 2013-2014 school year according to the USDA Farm to School Census, including many schools Montana. [Read the Hinsdale School Success story](#) about an inspiring school garden in Hinsdale, Montana, and then check out this [USDA fact sheet](#) for great tips and examples of ways schools in other states are utilizing school gardens.



Starting a Garden

Yes, we can grow beautiful school gardens in Montana! For a garden to be successful, teachers, administration and other members of the school below are a few basic action steps for starting a school garden.

- For more details and considerations, review this [School Garden Checklist](#).
- USDA's [School Garden Fact Sheet](#) is a great way to get started.
- Annie's [Create Your Own Garden Guide](#) is a more detailed guide that includes directions for windowsill gardens and container gardens



Garden to Cafeteria Toolkit

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/garden-to-cafeteria-toolkit>

Fairview School District

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**Creating a
profitable school
garden**

**Mrs. Angie Hopes,
FCS teacher**





























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4/8/20

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- Sophia Guciardo,
Educator
- Aubrey Johnson,
FoodCorps Service Member
- Izzi Petry,
Intern/Pre-apprentice
- Megan Randall,
Gardener Manager
- Board of Directors,
10 members



Our Mission

Education

PreK-12 curriculum in agriculture, food, health and nutrition, and more.

School gardens

Kids grow food on school grounds and at our downtown farm.

Procurement

Local foods are grown, purchased, promoted and served in schools.



Harvest of the Month



School Gardens



Lincoln School Farm



Fresh, Local Food



Thank you



Frenchtown School District

Riley Devins

Composting In The Cafeteria



Keeping It Warm In The Greenhouse



Worm Composting



Media Connection



Lady Bugs



**Greenhouse
Ready for
Lessons**



Fish Flourishing



Produce in the Cafeteria

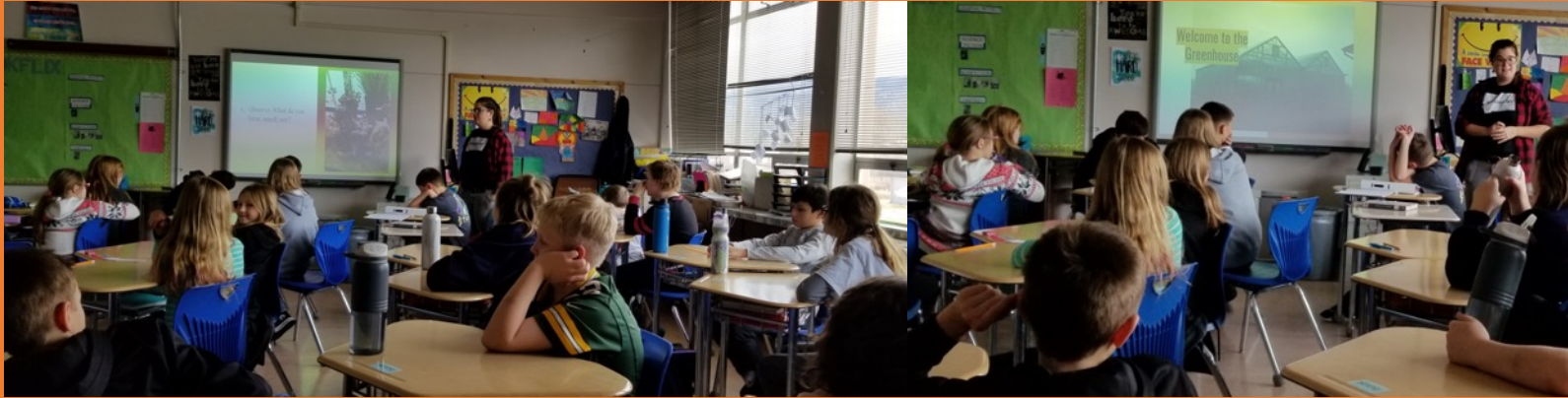




**Leek & Pea
Microgreens At
Missoula Valley
Winter Market**

- Plonk**
- Rumour**
- The Camino**
- The Green Source**
- Lolo Peak Brewery**
- Missoula Winter Market**
- Frenchtown Farmers Market**
- Frenchtown School District**

Students Learning About The Greenhouse



Teachers Learning About The Greenhouse



**Resources +
Opportunities**

Montana Farm to School Leadership Team

Communication

Distribution

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Farm to ECE

Beef to School

Education





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Recent Recorded Trainings

- **Montana Farm to School Successes Webinars**
 - February 5 – Procurement
 - March 4 – Education
 - April 8 – School Gardens
- **Food Safety and Farm to School Webinar**
- **Montana Farm to School Regional Showcases**
 - March 18 – Fairview – Postponed
 - May 6 – Hardin

<http://www.montana.edu/mtfarmentoschool/resources/training-event.html>



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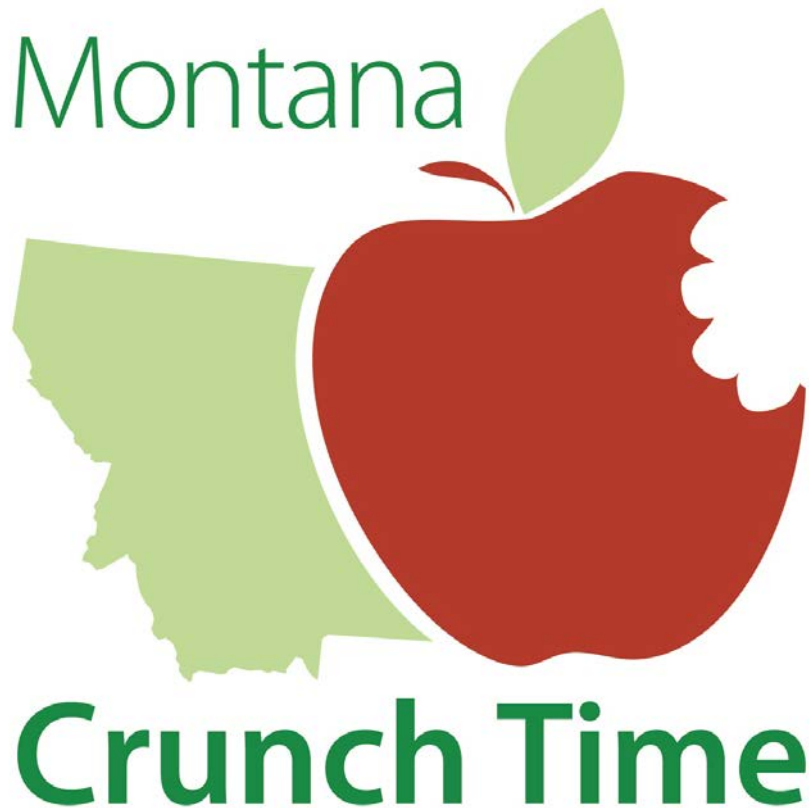
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NATIONAL **FARM** TO **SCHOOL** MONTH

Celebrate **Farm to School Month** throughout **Montana!**





Join preschools, schools, colleges, and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on

October 22nd

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register and receive your guide, visit:

**[montana.edu/
mtfarmtoschool](http://montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool)**

Share your "crunch byte" (video and photos) on social media with

#MTCrunchTime

Montana Crunch Time is sponsored by the Montana Farm to School Leadership Team and partners. Learn more about the Montana Farm to School Leadership Team and the member organizations at: www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/leadership-team/index.html

COVID-19 Resources

Office of Public Instruction

<http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>

National Farm to School Network

<http://www.farmtoschool.org/resources-main/covid-19-resources-for-farm-to-school-and-ece>

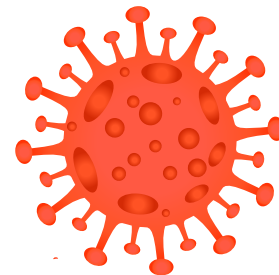
Lunch Assist

<http://www.lunchassist.org/covid-19.html>

Webinar: Montana Schools Safety Precautions During COVID-19: Education Materials and School Meals Service

April 9, 3-4

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/923990901>



Share Your Story

- Share your challenges, successes, ideas.
 - aubree.roth@montana.edu
 - Share Your Story Form
- Social media: #MTHarvestoftheMonth #MTFarmtoSchool
- Montana Farm to School Facebook Page
- Use USDA Photo Releases for photos
- Local news media

 **Hinsdale Kitchen** added 5 new photos — with Margo Anderson Salveson. January 12 at 3:27pm · 🌐

Harvest of the month!! Carrots!!!



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Harvest of the Month – Winter Squash

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Jaeden Dulin and Jaeda Paul cleaning out the squash, which is the December harvest of the month, so Connie Lang and Bertie Rieger can incorporate them in the meals they prepare for the students.

Questions?

Please type your questions into the chatbox, select all attendees.

Ready to Dig In?

MT Harvest of the Month

www.montana.edu/mtharvestofthemoth

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