



MORE EXCITING JUNE UPDATES

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There's so much going on in the month of June that we needed a second newsletter! Read on for an exciting announcement about the D.C. Farm to School Network (and other updates), some incredible upcoming events, and finally funding opportunities for your farm to school or school garden program.

UPDATES

The D.C. Farm to School Network has a New Home - Arcadia!

Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture is pleased to announce that they are the new home of the D.C. Farm to School Network, which was formerly a program of the Capital Area Food Bank. Arcadia is a new non-profit organization that aims to improve the health of area residents by providing a direct link to area farms. It has a farm for both sustainable production and consumer education; a mobile market that brings local fresh food into low-income neighborhoods, and a center that operates as a local food distribution "hub".

At its new organizational home, the Network will continue to grow and expand its programming to get more healthy, locally-grown foods into Washington, DC school meals. The Network will focus on three main program areas - hands-on farm to school education; tools and resources for school food programs; and community engagement. Andrea Northup will continue to operate as the Network's Manager, funded in part by Kaiser Permanente. Learn more about the transition in our [Press Release](#).

The D.C. Farm to School Network Welcomes New Summer Intern, Anna Chute!

Anna will be working with us for June, July, and August! Her projects will include developing a Harvest of the Month program, being the Farm to School media guru, and helping to organize summer events. Read more about Anna and the work she is doing this summer [here](#).

Farm to School Hopes and Dreams for D.C. Public Schools

What are your hopes and dreams for D.C. Public Schools? Fill out the survey [here](#) to let DCPS know that you care about getting farm fresh, healthy foods into school meals and believe that all kids should receive hands-on farm and food education! Help us send a consistent message to DCPS about what we'd like to see in our cafeterias.

Farm to School and School Garden Health Impact Assessment Report

[Upstream Public Health](#), an Oregon non-profit health advocacy organization, recently released the Farm to School and School Garden Health Impact Assessment report to examine the potential health impacts of legislation that would help school districts buy Oregon food and fund food, agriculture and nutrition-based activities. View the full report and executive summary [here](#).

USDA Farm to School Team Webpage Updates

New updates include: 1) information [here](#) regarding the impact of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 on Farm to School; 2) evaluation tools [here](#) that can be used to set goals and assess the impacts of your farm to school related activities, as well as available USDA Grants and Resources; 3) a new FAQs page [here](#).

Watch this awesome, fun Youtube video about Transforming School Food!

[School Food FOCUS](#) announced the winning entry of their FOCUS cheer/song/chant contest at our

Transforming School Food contest to a standing ovation! Congratulations and thanks to Mellissa Honeywood of Baltimore City Public Schools for their great work. View the video [here](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16 - Webinar: Healthy Choices for School Children: Getting the Junk Foods Out of Schools

The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act requires USDA to issue healthy nutrition standards for foods sold in schools and gives USDA the power to eliminate unhealthy foods sold outside of the federally-reimbursed school meals. Learn about USDA's plans, share your recommendations, discover new research findings, and identify action steps that will be useful in continuing to advocate for healthy foods in schools now. More information and registration [here](#).

June 19 - An Unforgettable Summer Celebration Of Local Foods & Farms Presented By Vermilion & Arcadia

Vermilion Restaurant and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture proudly present an outdoor summertime celebration of local foods and farmers. Join us for the first dinner party served on the scenic grounds of historic Woodlawn, home of Arcadia's farm. The evening will include cocktails, canapés, music in the garden, a tour of the Woodlawn grounds, and a night of sumptuous food and wine. Vermilion Chef Tony Chittum has planned a multi-course summer supper from the very best seasonal ingredients. Details and tickets available [here](#).

June 21 - Webinar: Riverside Farmers' Market Salad Bar

The [Center of Excellence](#) presents a school-based intervention supporting environmental and behavioral changes. Riverside Unified School District's Farmers' Market Salad Bar program is a comprehensive Farm to School model that promotes and supports healthy eating behaviors through changes in the school food environment and providing hands-on educational opportunities. More information and registration [here](#).

July 9 - Summer Brunch Soiree to benefit the D.C. Farm to School Network!

Join us for a fabulous afternoon of brunch and fashion at Ris to benefit the D.C. Farm to School Network. The event will feature bottomless mimosas, delicious food, and a fashion show from Rue 14. Details and tickets available [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Nominate your D.C. school to become a Healthy Schools Hero and win fabulous prizes...

Win prizes including \$1,000 for equipment or an event to encourage school wellness. Submit a captioned photo, student drawing, poem, article, video, recap of program or special event that captures your school's efforts to promote healthy eating or active living to D.C Hunger Solutions. Nominate a school [here](#) by June 30, 2011.

Want to Green Your DC School? Win \$130,000.00 in Cash & Technical Assistance to Do It!

[Global Green USA](#) is hosting a Green School Makeover Competition with a \$65,000 prize to "green" the winning school (plus approximately \$65,000 of in-kind technical assistance). Visit the Competition website at [here](#) to tell Global Green how you plan to green your school and to submit an application before the September 30th deadline.

Chefs Move to Schools Initiative Offers Partnerships Between Schools and Chefs

Last summer Michelle Obama launched the [Chefs Move to Schools](#) initiative that partners chefs with schools to help educate kids about food, nutrition, and to help them to make healthy choices. Participating *Chefs Move to Schools* partners are eligible to receive a free cookware kit valued at \$2,000. More information and registration for schools and chefs [here](#). Apply for the cooking kit [here](#).