Ohio Farm to School Updates

Ohio Farm to School is gaining a new team member and wishing good luck to another member! We’d like to wish Jacalyne Adkins good luck with her future endeavors—Jacalyne served as an AmeriCorps VISTA for a year with the program and extended her work through summer. We’d like to welcome Stacy Haught, a Graduate Student and AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni to the team.

-The Ohio Farm to School Staff
2014 Ohio Farm to School Regional Workshops Announced!
Thank you to those that have been able to attend the workshops in Perrysburg, Mt. Orab, and Athens! If you were unable to attend any of the first three workshops, the presentations can be found online at the Ohio Farm to School website. If you would like to attend a workshop in-person, there are two more workshops coming up in 2014.

Goal
Increase capacity of local communities to provide locally produced foods in schools.

Objectives
Through discussion and written materials, participants will:

• Develop an awareness of current practices in Farm to School—the benefits and opportunities for Farm to School programs & the processes and procedures of implementing a Farm to School program.
• Identify purchasing and marketing processes and other procurement methods that apply directly to Farm to School.
• Identify the three C’s of Farm to School —Classroom, Cafeteria, Community—and ways producers and schools can increase involvement in each area.
• Recognize how Farm to School functions regionally and unique ways to connect with the local food system.
• Gain resources and strategies for connecting local producers with local school food service.
• Identify and use direct marketing tools to develop networks for procuring and supplying local foods.
• Identify food safety practices and guidelines that apply to using local foods in school food service and minimal standards producers need to meet regarding food safety.

Workshop Sessions
What’s happening with Farm to School?
Purchasing Local Foods for Schools
Food Safety
Making Connections with Local Producers
The Education Connection

Workshop Locations and Information:

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For more information please visit the Ohio Farm to School website.
Northeast Farm to School Regional Workshop

The Northeast Farm to School Workshop will be held on Friday, September 25th at Walsh University prior to the Hunger Dialogues. Registration for the Northeast Farm to School Workshop can be combined with registration for the Hunger Dialogues or on its own. For registration information please visit the online registration.

First Annual Ohio Hunger Dialogue Featuring Keynote Speaker Ambassador Tony Hall

**Date(s):** Sep. 26, 2014 - Sep. 27, 2014  
**Event Time:** All Day  
**Location:** Walsh University  
2020 East Maple Street  
North Canton, OH 44720

One in six households in Ohio face food insecurity, the 10th worst state in the United States. Worldwide, 1.2 billion people suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

Walsh University's Office of Global Learning and Office of Service Learning, in conjunction with Ohio Campus Compact, invite university administrators, faculty, and students to join with community partners and the general public in a dialogue to address issues of hunger in our local and global communities. The goal of this dialogue will be to seek solutions to domestic and global hunger through the teaching, research, and service activities of Ohio’s colleges and universities.

Based on the models of dialogues already held in Kansas and North Carolina, Ohio will be the third state to host a state-wide meeting of higher educators devoted to seeking hunger solutions. A native of Dayton, Ambassador Tony Hall served Ohio for more than 20 years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Ohio’s 3rd District. He then served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Missions on Food and Agriculture and is now the Executive Director of the Alliance to End Hunger, a policy and advocacy group based in Washington DC.

Click here to register online.

For more information, visit the Hunger Dialogue webpage or contact Dr. Douglas Palmer, Executive Director of Global Learning, by email at dpalmer@walsh.edu or by phone at 330-490-7043.
Green Apple Day of Service
NFSN is partnering with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to promote the Green Apple Day of Service on September 27, and we would love to have your help spreading the word. USGBC is working to ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend a green school within this generation, and their Green Apple Day of Service event encourages people to organize or volunteer for school improvement projects on September 27. Many of these projects involve school gardens, where community volunteers come together to help weed, construct raised beds, or install rain-collection barrels for easy watering. Promotional materials are attached, and more information can be found here: http://www.mygreenapple.org/

Dig In! Standards-Based Nutrition Ed from the Ground Up
Dig In!, a standards-based nutrition education curriculum from USDA's Team Nutrition, helps kids, teachers, and parents explore a world of possibilities in the garden and on the plate. Ten inquiry-based lessons engage 5th and 6th graders in growing, harvesting, tasting, and learning about fruits and vegetables Dig In! Also includes a gardening guide, booklets for parents/caregivers, and six dynamic posters encouraging fruit and vegetable choices using themes that appeal to older elementary school children. Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program or other Child Nutrition program may request a free print copy of the curriculum. http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/dig-standards-based-nutrition-education-ground

SNA’s ANC 2015 Call for Proposals is Now Open!
The School Nutrition Association is seeking proposals for presentation at its Annual National Conference, July 12-15, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT. To view the Call for Proposal guidelines and to submit your application form, please visit, www.schoolnutrition.org/CFP. Online submissions will be accepted until September 30, 2014. If you have additional questions, you may contact SNA’s Education Center at education@schoolnutrition.org

Food Day 2014 – Get Involved and Start Planning Now!
Today is exactly three months to Food Day 2014 on October 24. Food Day inspires Americans to change their diets for the better and to improve our food policies. Every October 24, thousands of events all around the country bring Americans together to celebrate and enjoy real food, and to take action to solve food-related problems in our communities at the local, state, and national level. We would love to have you get involved. If you are interested in finding out more please contact as at foodday@cspinet.org or at 202.777.8392
**Garden Guide**

*Let’s Move!* has created a garden guide/toolkit. Check out their [Gardening Guide](#) which has all the information you will need to get a garden started. Whether you’re interested in planting a kitchen garden in your own backyard, a school garden at your child’s school, or a community garden for all of your neighbors to enjoy, there are checklists with everything you need to get planting:

- How to plant a kitchen garden
- How to plant a school garden
- How to plant a community garden

**High Tunnel Hoop House Construction Guide**

*High Tunnel Hoop House Construction Guide,* published by Steve Upson is the product of 17 years of experience constructing and utilizing hoop house (high tunnel) design. Steve Upson, an educator and consultant on hoop houses has put together this publication to help answer ‘how to’ questions in a resource for those looking to construct a hoop house.

**BBQ Science Workshop, Delaware & Franklin County Farm Bureaus**

On August 16, 2014 the Delaware and Franklin County Farm Bureaus will host their [BBQ Science Workshop](#). The workshop will include discussion of the science behind barbecuing beef, pork, and lamb and allow attendees to prepare and grill their own creation. Space is limited to 40 participants and is open to Farm Bureau Members only; please register by August 4th.

**Food Policy For All: Inclusion of Diverse Community Residents on Food Policy Councils**

This article focuses on why and how food policy councils include diverse community residents in their policy and programming work. Download the full article [here](#).


This article focuses on 16 counties in Northeastern Ohio and the progress towards meeting local demands with 25% local product and the barriers faced by communities. Download the full article [here](#).

**EXTENSION PROGRAMMING – “Learning About Food in Urban Communities.”**

This document is a great review of what Extension has to offer. It is a bit urban-oriented given the case study is Weinland Park. Download the document [here](#).
**Funding Opportunities**

**Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities**
**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**
Grants of up $2,500 will be awarded to support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through hands-on learning projects that improve the environment in their schools and communities.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize**
**Deadline September 17, 2014**
The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is awarded to communities that are working to build a Culture of Health. In 2015, up to 10 winning communities will each receive a $25,000 cash prize and have their accomplishments celebrated and shared broadly to inspire locally-driven change across the nation. RWJF wants to hear how your local leaders and community members are creating solutions that give everyone the opportunity for a healthy life. More details and how to apply.

**Apply for the Baxter equipment for education grant**
The School Nutrition Foundation is now accepting applications for the Baxter Equipment for Education Grant! Through a competitive grant process, Baxter Manufacturing will award one (1) OV310 Mini Rotating Rack Convection Oven (electric or gas) to a school district in need of improving its school meal kitchen facilities. The award will also include: a stand base, a 2-year parts & labor warranty, delivery and installation by Hobart Service, and training/demonstration with sales representative. Learn more.

**Breakfast Building Grant Program**
Pinnacle Food Service wants to help make sure that every child has the opportunity to start their day with a delicious and nutritious breakfast – which has been shown to improve academic performance. We have developed the Pinnacle Food Service School Breakfast Building Grant Program to help you achieve this goal. The program is designed to help recipient schools increase student breakfast participation by providing supplemental funding to support or enhance an existing program or jump-start a new program. Individual Grants of up to $1,000 will be awarded on a rolling basis. For more information on this grant opportunity, please visit this website.
Funding Opportunities

**Fruit Tree Planting Foundation - Orchard Donations**
The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. FTPF programs donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, international hunger relief sites, and animal sanctuaries. Recipients must be nonprofits, public schools, or government entities. In addition, the “Fruit Tree 101” program creates outdoor edible orchard classrooms at public schools of all levels, across the country, to provide generations of students with environmental education opportunities and a source of organic fruit for improved school lunch nutrition. **Deadline: Rolling**

**Home Depot’s Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant**
Home Depot’s Retool Your School program provides grants through a two-tier structure for campus and facility improvements at historically black colleges and universities. The program awards Tier I and Tier II grants based on a combination of consumer voting and advisory board panel selections. The college with the highest score will receive a $50,000 Tier I grant; thirteen other applicants will receive Tier II grants of $10,000 each. An additional three Campus Pride grants of $25,000 each will be awarded to the schools with the most votes and social media activity, as determined by Home Depot. Grant funds will go toward an improvement project at each school that is likely to have impact on the lives of students, faculty, and alumni for generations to come. **Deadline: Rolling**

**Awesome Food $1000 Project Grants**
Each month, Awesome Food will give one applicant $1,000 to help pull off an awesome idea involving food. The ideas must relate to food in some form, and the definition will be more inclusive than exclusive. Examples could include educating the public about DIY-farming, creating an ad-hoc eatery in a subway car, or recording videos of immigrants’ recipes. Anyone is eligible to apply: for profit, nonprofit, individuals, companies, schools, adults and children. Applications are reviewed as they are received. One grant is awarded each month. **Deadline: Rolling**

**The Pollination Project** is a nonprofit organization that provides $1,000 seed grants to individual change makers. The Project has granted numerous awards to various small agriculture related operations who want to bring change into a community. The Project has received repeated media reports on how the organization is impacting small agricultural practices. New grants are awarded daily and there is no deadline for when to apply. Please click here to navigate through the organization’s website for detailed information. We hope to have someone from the Project speak at a future meeting. **No deadline.**

**Simply Organic 1%**
The Simply Organic 1% fund supports and promotes the growth of organic and sustainable agriculture, including research, education and efficient/quality improvement projects. **Deadline: Rolling**
**Teacher Workshop - Feeding the World: Science, Energy and Agriculture**
A workshop for teachers where questions are answered: How do we feed 9 billion people? How does production agriculture affect water quality? What is the value of corn production? Why biofuels? How can ag biotechnology contribute to food security? Soil and Sustainability: what is the link?

Taking place **Aug. 6-7 at Greene County Career Center**, participants will see demonstration plots, talk to experts and practice a variety of labs related to water, soil and plant science. Each participant will receive over $300 worth of classroom science materials. Ashland graduate credit is available with on-site registration. All expenses are paid including materials, food, one-night shared hotel room. More information can be found [here](#).

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**Webinar: Fruit Trees in the School Garden**
October 21, 2014—4PM EST
"Fruit Trees in the School Garden" with Leo Buc, Director of Common Vision. To participate in the live session, log in at [http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11](http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11) at the scheduled time.

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**Please join us for the following Health Equity Webinars**
*Presented by the Transform Wisconsin Health Equity Team & The Prevention Institute*

**Webinar 2: The Role of Community Culture in Efforts to Create Healthier, Safer, and More Equitable Places**
Friday, August 8th 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

**Webinar 3: Communicating Health Equity and Prevention**
Early September, more details to come
To join: [http://wisc.adobeconnect.com/he3/](http://wisc.adobeconnect.com/he3/)
Please contact Paula at ptran@wisc.edu with questions.

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**Webinar: Raising Funds & Friends for Your School Garden: Hard-Learned Lessons from Granny's Garden School**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014
**Location:** [http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11](http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11)
**Starts:** 4:00 pm (GMT-5) Eastern Time (US)
**Ends:** 5:00 pm (GMT-5) Eastern Time (US)

USDA Releases Request for Applications for Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetable Pilot

Agriculture Undersecretary Kevin Concannon announced the release of a Request for Applications from states interested in participating in the Pilot Project for Procurement of Unprocessed Fruits and Vegetables authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. Under the pilot, up to eight states across five regions will be granted flexibility in using a portion of their USDA Foods entitlement dollars to purchase locally-grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). View more information about this pilot project online, and also see attached application information.

USDA Announces Grants to Help Veterans and Minority Farmers Get Started in Agriculture

USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced the availability of over $9 million in outreach and technical assistance for minority farmers and ranchers and military veterans that are new to farming and ranching. The funding, provided through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program, also known as the 2501 Program, will enable community-based organizations and other partners to work directly with these groups to successfully acquire, own and operate farms and ranches and equitably participate in all USDA programs.

USDA Fact Sheets

The USDA has several resourceful fact sheets available to help you get your Farm to School program started. Fact sheet topics include DoD Fresh, Geographic Preference, USDA Grants and many more. To download these fact sheets visit the USDA Farm to School Page.
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