



CHEF ANN FOUNDATION'S PROJECT PRODUCE GRANT SUMMARIES

Project Produce grants have reached 41 schools and 21,399 students, in 18 states. The grant recipient schools have an average Free and Reduced percentage of 58%.

2014 Grantees

BF Kitchen Elementary - Thompson School District - Loveland, CO

School Free and Reduced: 59%

Enrollment: 227

- "Fruitopia" takes place during the annual Health and Wellness Day. The students take turns on a bicycle connected to a blender called a "Fender Blender" (a smoothie bike where students ride a bike and blend fruit into a smoothie).
- For "Viva La Veggie" 5th grade students research, create, and deliver a learning booth on a health topic for the entire school community.

Centennial Elementary - Denver Public Schools - Denver, CO

School Free and Reduced: 78%

Enrollment: 409

- The 2015 Spring Wellness Fair is an event that exposes families and students to fruits and vegetables in an exciting and engaging way. In preparation for the event, classrooms participate in activities such as fruit and veggie poems, recipe books, and artworks, etc.

Chappelow K-8 Arts Literacy Magnet School - Greeley-Evans School District 6 - Greeley, CO

School Free and Reduced: 45%

Enrollment: 717

- During the "Rainbow Day" a booth serves a fruit salad containing strawberries, oranges, pineapple, kiwi, blueberries and purple grapes. On "Garden Day" students are given samples of carrots, radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, strawberries and bell peppers – all items that are easy to grow at home in containers.

Eldon Upper Elementary - Eldon R-1 - Eldon, MO

School Free and Reduced: 65%

Enrollment: 449

- During the Every Kid Healthy Week in April, 2015 the district hosts 2 events: "Chef-at-School" and a local fruit and veggie tasting.

Glenwood Elementary School - Conejo Valley Unified School District - Thousand Oaks, CA

School Free and Reduced: 87%

Enrollment: 383

- "Harvest of the Month" tastings give students the chance to try kale (January), oranges (February), broccoli (March), tangerines (April), strawberries (May) and avocados (June), all from local sources.

Highville Charter School - Hamden, CT

School Free and Reduced: 78%

Enrollment: 400

- Project Produce events include a “Rainbow Day”, a Farm to School tasting event, a healthy snack tasting, and “Vegetarian Recipes” class in our culinary program.

Leoti USD 467 - Wichita County Schools - Marienthal, KS

School Free and Reduced: 59%

Enrollment: 468

- Monthly "AIM for a Rainbow" events feature fresh fruits and veggies from one of the five fruit/veggie color groups. Lunchroom education includes the name of the food, what forms it comes in, what nutrients it provides, and how it benefits the body (what its "AIM" is).

Pan American Academy Charter School - Philadelphia, PA

School Free and Reduced: 94%

Enrollment: 715

- “Super Food for Super Kids” is an event that includes preparing fruit kabobs and vegetable dip paired with the featured produce option that day.

Ridgeview Elementary - Oklahoma City Public Schools - Oklahoma City, OK

School Free and Reduced: 65%

Enrollment: 348

- “Fruit and Veggie Sampling” event on the first Tuesday of each month, paired with offering the fruit or vegetable on the cafeteria line later that month.

Samuel Gompers Elementary School -Madison Metro. School District - Madison, WI

School Free and Reduced: 56%

Enrollment: 288

- Along with a winter “Root For Winter Veggies!” and a spring “Spring for a Salad!” tasting events the school also has a “6 Plant Parts – Taste Them All!” event featuring fruit and veggie samples from all six parts of the plant – Fruit (cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, e.g.), seed (peas, strawberries, tomatoes, etc.), flower (asparagus), stem (asparagus, rhubarb, kohlrabi), leaf (lettuce, spinach), root (radishes, young root vegetables as available).

Skyview Elementary - Weld Re-4 School District - Windsor, CO

School Free and Reduced: 40%

Enrollment: 379

- Locally sourced “Rainbow Days” on the salad bar during lunch, where students are instructed to pick and eat at least 3 colors from the rainbow.

South Hamilton School - South Hamilton School District - Jewell, IA

School Free and Reduced: 30%

Enrollment: 340

- “Try Day Friday” is a weekly tasting event with new fruits and vegetables.

Trenton Special School District - Trenton, TN

School Free and Reduced: 72%

Enrollment: 604

- "5 A Day the Color Way" encourages students to eat five or more servings of colorful fruits and vegetables every day. Special fruits and vegetables are selected to color coordinate and to show the health benefits for students.

Troy Junior and Senior High School – Troy Public Schools - Troy, MT

School Free and Reduced: 70%

Enrollment: 200

- Each quarter the school hosts a fruit and vegetable tasting day in the cafeteria, followed by providing a free fresh fruit or vegetable snack to all students that week based on the most popular choice.

Watson Primary School - Huntsville School District - Huntsville, AR

School Free and Reduced: 69%

Enrollment: 454

- "Harvest of the Month" events where each student receives a sample of the item, learns about where it was grown in Arkansas and receives a harvest fact card to take home.

2015 Grantees

Arenac Eastern School- Arenac Eastern School District - Twining, MI

School Free and Reduced: 100%

Enrollment: 189

- "Healthy Options for All" provides much needed fruit and vegetable tasting opportunities for K-12 students in the Arenac Eastern School, who often lack produce variety at home because of cost and availability obstacles. This project fosters excitement, knowledge and enthusiasm throughout the entire district.

South Bendle Elementary School - Bendle Public Schools – Burton, MI

School Free and Reduced: 91%

Enrollment: 300

- "Healthy Bites Project" features bi-monthly seasonal fruit and vegetable tasting events for all children. Staff prepares the new items using a new recipe or by cutting fruit and vegetables into easy-to-eat servings to encourage children to try a "healthy bite".

West Bendle Elementary School - Bendle Public Schools - Burton, MI

School Free and Reduced: 92%

Enrollment: 259

- "The ABC Project" is a special fruit and vegetable activity that occurs twice a month with themes like school gardening, Thanksgiving, winter fun, local orchards, and National Breakfast Month.

Sunset Elementary School - Cartwright School District - Phoenix, AZ

School Free and Reduced: 100%

Enrollment: 714

- The schools deliver fruits and vegetables to the classrooms 2 or 3 times a month and provides nutrition education for all students. Types of fruits and vegetables that are served include common items like bananas, apples, grapes, celery, cucumbers as well as some exotic items such as star fruit, dragon fruit, jicama and pomegranates.

Cayucos Elementary School - Cayucos Elementary School District - Cayucos, CA

School Free and Reduced: 35%

Enrollment: 210

- During the lunch hour, the school hosts an outdoor Farmer's Market that features a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers and the district fruit and vegetable vendor. Volunteers, teachers, and food service staff all encourage students to touch, smell, and taste the produce, provide information on the different items available, and encourage students to choose one piece of fruit and one vegetable to take home with them.

Herald Elementary - Collinsville Public Schools - Collinsville, OK

School Free and Reduced: 47%

Enrollment: 584

- Project Produce at Herald Elementary incorporates many different projects over the course of the grant year including, "Rainbow Day" "Salad Bar", "Try Day Friday", "Seasonal Fruit and Veggies Tasting", "Vegetable Recipe Contest", and "Chef-at-School" Events.

Decorah Middle School - Decorah Community School District - Decorah, IA

School Free and Reduced: 24%

Enrollment: 547

- "The Empty Spoons Project" takes place during Farm to School month, when food service partners with the local Food Hub to purchase local seasonal fruits and vegetables. All month local produce is incorporated into recipes from around the world and the new vegetable or fruit dish is sampled to the students each day with detailed information about where and how this food is traditionally prepared and eaten.

Boulder Creek High School - Deer Valley USD – Phoenix, AZ

School Free and Reduced: 14%

Enrollment: 2,684

- The "Taste It, Try It, Love It" program offers seasonal fresh fruit and vegetable taste tests to all students on campus several times throughout the school year. This program allow the school to connect with local food producers to feature locally grown foods as well as provide students an opportunity to try less commonly available fruits and vegetables.

Charles Hay World School - Englewood Schools - Englewood, CO

School Free and Reduced: 49%

Enrollment: 392

- Charles Hay "Rainbow Days Extravaganza" are celebrated at least once a month in the cafeteria. The events offer tastings of veggies easily found in stores – but that may not always be a kid favorite – with fun nutrition facts. Art projects for all students focusing on fruits and veggies are displayed in the cafeteria during the event.

Columbus Elementary School - Medford Public Schools – Medford, MA

School Free and Reduced: 61%

Enrollment: 457

- “Columbus Harvest of the Month” tasting events provide students with the opportunities to sample local fruits or vegetables in the cafeteria twice per month. The produce tastings align with the “Massachusetts Harvest of the Month” program, which is currently promoted monthly in the cafeteria menu.

Mount Horeb Early Learning Center - Mount Horeb Area School District - Mount Horeb, WI

School Free and Reduced: 21%

Enrollment: 167

- The "Get Fit" Program integrates physical activity and nutrition programs and expands on the existing Farm to School program by featuring recipes every month on the lunch menu using locally sourced produce. To encourage fruit and vegetable intake at home students receive the featured recipes on monthly recipe cards to take home and share with their families.

Oskaloosa Elementary School - Oskaloosa Community School District - Oskaloosa, IA

School Free and Reduced: 61%

Enrollment: 1,055

- For “The Great Debate: Which Fruits & Veggies Will You Put on Your Plate?” students and staff work together to plan taste-testing days, choose which produce to test, market the produce to the student body, prep the produce, and serve it to students. Students vote for their favorite produce and the 'winners' are added to the lunch menu, increasing the variety of fruits and vegetables the students have access to.

Rio Plaza Elementary School - Rio School District - Oxnard, CA

School Free and Reduced: 85%

Enrollment: 617

- The Harvest of the Month is an in-classroom program that reaches all students in which teachers conduct a classroom tasting lesson each month of the school year. It uniquely supports core curricular areas through exploration and study.

South Conejos Schools - South Conejos School District – Antonito, CO

School Free and Reduced: 100%

Enrollment: 218

- “Project Afternoon Rainbows” addresses health and food insecurity within the community. Students take a “brain break” in the cafeteria at least two times per week, where they are provided with a healthy and nutritious vegetable or fruit snack. The snacks are presented with information about where the produce came from, the farmer who grew it, and how their families can access these foods outside of school.

Southington High School - Southington Public Schools - Southington, CT

School Free and Reduced: 22%

Enrollment: 2,056

- Two seasonal veggie demonstrations, "Chef Ryan's Grilled Veggies Demo," and two fresh fruit tastings, "Chef Ryan's Fresh Fruit Sampling," allow students to participate in a live demo before tasting produce samples. This exposes all students to a large variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and provides them with the opportunity to try new items.

Flagstaff Academy - St Vrain Valley School District - Longmont, CO

School Free and Reduced: 10%

Enrollment: 875

- “Harvest Days” connect what students are learning in the school Geo-Dome with the food that is served in the school cafeteria by hosting seasonal produce samplings that coincide with the crops that students are harvesting in the Geo-Dome. Since the gardening operations at school do not yield enough produce for all students to sample, the grant allows all Flagstaff students to experience the foods they have cultivated.

Olde Columbine High School Teen Parenting Program - St. Vrain Valley School District – Longmont, CO

School Free and Reduced: 48%

Enrollment: 140

- Through a series of classes, teen parents learn the importance of eating healthy, how to do so on a budget, preparing meals, and the importance of staying active. Students have the opportunity to sample a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and are inspired to increase their own fruit and vegetable consumption and that of their child.

Spark! Discovery Preschool - St Vrain Valley School District - Longmont, CO

School Free and Reduced: 55%

Enrollment: 275

- The “Spark! Discovers Fruits and Vegetables” program exposes students to fresh fruits and vegetables through “Harvest of the Month” events, fruit and veggie focused activities including “Smoothie Day”, a recipe event where students work together to create and then taste a fresh chickpea pico de gallo, and a “Growing Dance” event where students learn about new veggies and act out how the vegetables grow.

Bessie Weller Elementary, A.R. Ware Elementary, Thomas McSwain Elementary - Staunton City Schools - Staunton, VA

Schools Average Free and Reduced: 59%

Enrollment: 1,306

- “Farmers Table Talk” brings local farmers and their local fare to the lunchroom tables for school wide tastings. Farmers are invited to conduct Q&A during each lunch period, giving the students an opportunity to engage with them in an interactive way that is both engaging and educational.

2016 Grantees

Christel House Academy South; Christel House Academy West - Christel House Academy - Indianapolis, IN

Schools Average Free and Reduced: 96%

Enrollment: 839

- “Chef at School” events are exhibition cooking events that allow all students to see professional chefs at work in their school café and taste test their culinary creations. The school’s food service staff also works with the chefs to prepare recipe and nutritional information to families through the school newsletter and/or on special recipe cards.

Conemaugh Valley Elementary School; Conemaugh Valley Jr./Sr. High School - Conemaugh Valley School District - Johnstown, PA

Schools Average Free and Reduced: 54%

Enrollment: 814

- “Explore Nature’s Colors of the Rainbow With all Natural Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables” consists of six events throughout the course of the school year in which one of the colors of the rainbow is featured at each event. Students are provided with fun facts, nutritional information, and health benefits for all the fruits and vegetables that are served.

Undermountain Elementary - Southern Berkshire Regional School District - Sheffield, MA

Schools Average Free and Reduced: 47%

Enrollment: 361

- On the planned “Rainbow Days” there is a free salad bar open to all students so that the entire student population can be involved in trying new items. Students are encouraged to make a rainbow on their plate that is made up of mostly locally sourced fruits and vegetables.