



Transforming how food is experienced, learned and celebrated in all schools across Canada.



Back-to-school food: new grants, resources and inspiration!

If we had to sum-up the activities and feelings from summer 2024 in 2-words, they would be *welcome* and *celebration*.

In June the Government of Canada announced the highly-anticipated National School Food Policy, which provides the government's long-term vision, core values and key objectives for school food programs in Canada. Our team has been celebrating this policy while reflecting on and planning out how we can best support school communities in this new chapter.

In this newsletter, we're excited to **welcome**, **celebrate** and introduce:

- **New school grant opportunities** available for the 2024/25 school year! Apply by October 21st

- Our **2024 Farm to School Canada Grant recipients**, including 31 schools across the country
- **Jeffrey Kiyoshk Ross**, our newest team member who will be leading the Nourishing Indigenous Food and Foodways initiative
- **Resources** about youth-involved school food programming and showcasing sustainable farming practices on and off the land
- **Stories of inspiration** (video and written) shared by recipients of our 2022 Farm to School Canada Grants and 2023 Dig In! Seed Grants
- **A recipe** for versatile fruit vinegar, great for preserving late summer harvests with students!

As we welcome the 2024/25 school year we hope you find inspiration in this newsletter and wish you all the best getting *'back-to-school food'* in the weeks and months ahead.



SEED GRANTS ARE BACK!

Now accepting grant applications!

Until October 21st, schools across Canada can apply for Seed Grants of up to \$3,000 thanks to partnerships with The Schad Foundation and Farm Boy.

These grants are ideal for schools that are looking to create positive change in their school food environment and to get started on a farm or local food to school journey.

Learn more and sign up for the informational webinars happening September 24th and 25th

[Read the full post](#)



Welcome New Grant Recipients!

**Congratulations to our 31 new
Farm to School Canada Grant recipients!**

In partnership with [Whole Kids Foundation](#), we are so pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 Farm to School Canada Grants program! Thirty-one schools across 8 provinces and 1 territory have received grants of up to \$10,000 each that will help get an estimated 13,500 students growing, cooking, and eating healthy, local sustainable food at school!

**View the full list of grant recipients
and learn more about the program.**

[New F2S Grant Recipients](#)



Welcome Jeff - Indigenous Programs Manager!

In June we announced [Nourishing Indigenous Food and Foodways in Schools](#), a 4-year initiative that will support Indigenous school communities throughout the country to have more capacity to harvest, preserve, grow, and serve more Indigenous food and other nourishing food to children and youth, and to engage students in Indigenous foodways.

We are so pleased to introduce Jeff Kiyoshk Ross, who joined our team as Indigenous Programs Manager in July. Jeff will be leading this initiative and you can learn more about him [in his bio](#). You can reach out to Jeff at jkiyoshk@farmtocafeteriacanada.ca. **Welcome, Jeff!**

Jeff will be working in this role alongside Sue-Anne Banks, coordinator of the [Indigenous School Food Circle](#) (co-hosted by F2CC, the Coalition for Healthy School Food and Canadian Feed the Children). We're looking forward to the year ahead.

[Meet Jeff](#)



New Resource:

Depth of Field: Films About Farming

Over the years, educators have shared with us that they appreciate **short evidence-based resources that help make connections between food systems and the curriculum.** We've heard that short videos can be especially helpful, which is why we are excited to share these 10-minute videos, produced and presented by the National Farmers Union (NFU) and March Forth Creative, that showcase Canadian farmers and farm workers, and their sustainable farming practices on and off the land.

[Learn More](#)

BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food

A brief introduction



Involving Youth in School Food Programs- Recording and Resources

Learn about:

- The **value of meaningful youth engagement** and participation;
- **Strategies for youth engagement** in program design and implementation;
- A framework to support student engagement; and
- Ideas, challenges, and opportunities for engaging students in schools

Workshop Recording

Learn more



Stories of Growing, Learning and Participating in Local Food Systems!

In June, our 2022 Farm to School Canada Grant program recipients and 2023 Dig In seed grant recipients both completed their program activities and shared their stories with us. We've been so inspired by all of their food programs and we bet you will be too. But these stories are not just great for inspiration - they're full of practical ideas! Check out their written and video stories below.

Inspiring Grant Stories



Recipe:

Homemade Fruit Vinegar

This recipe shared by F2CC team member, Jesse, is a favourite way to quickly and simply preserve very ripe fruit without a lot of time, fuss or equipment.

Bursting with flavours of summer and a bit of sweetness this classroom-friendly recipe offers near endless options for creativity and is a great way to preserve seasonal fruits to be enjoyed throughout the school year.

Schools with salad bars will want to bookmark this one as a way to add local flavours to your favourite dressing options!

[Get the Recipe](#)



Map the change you want to see in school food!

In as little as 5 minutes, YOU can help inform school food program and policy development in Canada!

By registering on Canada's School Food Map, you're helping to document activities happening across Canada to transform how food is experienced, learned and celebrated in schools.

If you represent a school, community organization, farmer or other local food producer, then you can register on the map!

[Register now!](#)



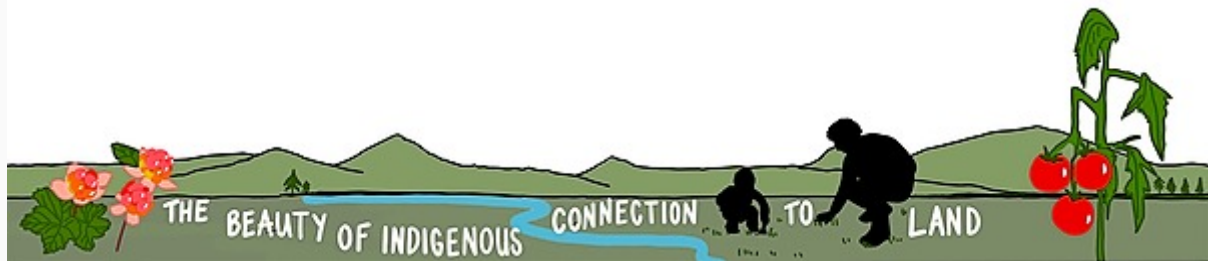
10 Ways to Get Involved!

Whether you are brand new to Farm to Cafeteria Canada, or a long-time member of the community, there are lots of ways to get involved!

[Get Involved](#)

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Farm to Cafeteria Canada's team and project partners acknowledge that we live, work and play on the ancestral lands of the diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of what we now call Canada. Farm to Cafeteria Canada is committed to reflecting, honouring and amplifying Indigenous voices, perspectives and values in our work. To learn more please visit our [Nourishing Relations](#) page. To learn the traditional territories on which our individual team members are located, please visit our [team page](#).



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