

Smithfield Farm to School Committee
2024-25

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January 7, 2025

1. Farm-to-School Grant review

December 5, 2024

1. AFHK update
 - a. Butternut Squash bags
 - b. Fresh turkey
 - c. \$2,300 left for tastings through September 30
2. Teaching and Learning Nights April 8, 9, 10
 - a. Family sign-ups for garden maintenance
 - b. Tastings
3. Students Take Charge - beginning at OCRS
4. Farm-to-School Grant

October 29, 2024

1. Updates
 - a. Cafeteria
 - b. Classroom - middle school maple tagging
 - c. Community

September 19, 2024

1. Goals
2. Students Take Charge - OCRS
3. Composting Plan
 - a. Pleasant View, LaPerche on board
 - b. OCRS - grant for this year (November)
 - c. SHS - Jayme Briggs
 - d. GMS - science teachers
4. [Nourish the Future](#) - used for after school programming?
5. [URI Garden Grant Site](#)
6. Maple Syrup Tapping

2024-25 Goals

1. Cafeteria
 - a. Increase awareness of FTS by increasing marketing of local food at POS
 - b. Incorporate F2S kit - get from Chartwells
 - c. Use mobile cart and/or mood boost/student choice 3 times per year per school
 - d. Expand cafeteria rangers to all schools (OCRS next year and GMS through Cox conservation contest? Or 5th graders coming up; identify a staff member; focus on grade 6; parent? Stephanie Young)
 - e. Continue food advisory board inclusive of parents and students; increase student involvement and communication (surveys? dietician)
 - f. Student food tastings (2x per year per school)
2. Classroom
 - a. Create and implement 1 PD opportunity for school staff (expand to middle?)
 - b. Continue F2S field trips at elementary level; expand to middle (Gotham Greens)
 - c. Expand curriculum map and FTS pieces to middle school
 - d. Incorporate into middle school after-school program
 - e. Expansion of gardens and outdoor learning spaces (OCRS)
 - f. Action For Healthy Kids - garden maintenance and education with Revive - add cultural piece
3. Community
 - a. Create opportunities for families to get involved in FTS
 - i. Summer
 - ii. Open House
 - iii. Teaching and Learning Nights
 - iv. Local Food Ambassador
 - b. Deepen existing partnerships (Revive the Roots, JWU, Bootstrap, FarmFresh)
 - c. Celebration of cultures (foods) - choosing a food and showing how it is celebrated in each culture

August 14, 2024

1. Root stock! Sept 22 12pm
 - a. How to incorporate F2S into this this year
 - b. RI F2S presence?
 - c. Could we have Smithfield students present at a table?
2. Gardens:
 - a. OC is getting their ADA compliant gardens put in
 - b. Schools are getting stock tanks installed to garden in..should be installed before the start of school, but unsure. Will have time to get fall seeds in
 - c. Garden at La Perche has early fall dates for kids to do some harvesting
 - d. Have some parents brainstorming for a farm field day
 - e. Sending monthly newsletters for teachers to get out there

- f. MS wants to do maple syruping with the kids, Hannah got kits
 - i. Good way to start with motivation from teachers
 - ii. Can do sap boiling at RTR
- g. Have HS build a small farm stand for free donations for the community
 - i. Partnering with food pantry behind LP
 - ii. Could also partner with HEZ for volunteers, or if they have paid staff that can be consistent
 - iii. Could also partner with senior center for donations
 - 1. Rose Marie has connections there with Kate
 - iv. Could there be seniors who could help harvest at the school gardens, or pick flowers at RTR?
- 3. Farm Fresh updates
 - a. Worked with foods teacher at HS to add in F2S concepts and build an action plan for the courtyard garden space to be used by students
 - b. Going for funding to work with middle and high school students on local food systems and service based learning opportunities
 - c. Planning to do Students Take Charge program at elementary schools next spring
- 4. RI Farm and Sea to School Updates
 - a. Name changing to "Sea" to School to encompass seafood
 - b. Applied for a grant with Smithfield for monkfish sliders and other seafood products for a full pilot with education, taste testing and menuing.
- 5. What happened with JWU connection for afterschool?