

OUSD EFG Key Dates: Workshops and Events Calendar

2026-2027

DATE & TIME	TYPE OF EVENT	DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 or Thursday, September 3, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm (2.5 paid hours)	*Required* EFG ORIENTATION (choose 1 date/time)	- EFG Champions will be able to articulate the goals of the EFG Champion program, any changes, and how they will enact them at their school. - Using knowledge of their site, EFG Champions will begin to create site-based task lists to achieve the program goals - New (and returning) EFG Champions will gain a clear understanding of the program components and supports. - EFG Champions will build community and make connections. - EFG Champions will set themselves up for success by filling out resource forms such as HOTM ordering, U-Pick, and Master Gardener Mentor Sign Up.
Thursday, September 24, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (2 paid hours)	EFG Workshop 1: Preparing Your Winter Garden	- EFG Champions will learn about how to prep and plant their winter gardens - EFG Champions will learn about December's Garden-Grown Harvest of the Month (Roots and Shoots) and set goals related to it - EFG Champions will be able to participate in the first U-Pick of the school year - EFG Champions will reflect on how they engage and collaborate with their school community and grow their practices. - EFG Champions will understand what garden/food related educational resources they can share with their school communities
Thursday, March 4, 2027 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (2 paid hours) In Person	EFG Workshop 2: Preparing Your Spring Garden	- EFG Champions will learn about how to prep and plant their spring gardens - EFG Champions will learn about May's Garden-Grown Harvest of the Month (Roots and Shoots) and set goals related to it - EFG Champions will be able to pick and take their spring crops and landscape materials to plant their Spring gardens. - EFG Champions will reflect on how they engage and collaborate with their school community and grow their practices. - EFG Champions will understand what garden/food related educational resources they can share with their school communities

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Special Events		<i>These bonus events are typically on weekends and generally open to the public. Locations and types of events vary. You will not be paid for attending these events, but they will be very fun!</i>
Saturday, April 17, 2027	The Center's Third Annual Open House and Plant	This event will be open to students, families, teachers, and the community. EFG Champions will have the opportunity to share some of the interesting

See [EFG Website](#) + [OUSD School Garden Toolkit](#) for all other resources

11:00 am- 2:00 pm	Sale	things they did this year with the public in an expo-style presentation. The Master Gardeners will be hosting their annual plant sale and The Center will be fundraising through the sale of pizza and market products. Where: The Center (2850 West St., Oakland, CA) When: 10-2, Saturday, April 17, 2027 Who: Community members, students, families, teachers, everyone! Why: Showcase The Center, share the amazing work we do, and fundraise What: Interactive activities, either run or observe EFG Champion showcase presentations, eat wood-fired pizza, purchase plants to support MGs, tours, garden walks, and more!
Saturday, Date: January 30, 2027 School Site: Korematsu	Master Gardener TOPIC: Tree Pruning	This event will be led by Master Gardeners who will teach you all about pruning fruit trees! Where: Korematsu Elementary - 10315 E St, Oakland, CA 94603 When: Specific time still TBD, Saturday, January 30, 2027 Who: All EFG Champions
Saturday, Date: TBD School Site: TBD	Master Gardener TOPIC: TBD	Details to come!

Other Key Dates:

- **HOTM produce box deliveries will be slightly different each month because of holidays:**
 - September - Week of 9/21
 - October - Week of 10/19
 - November - Week of 11/16
 - December - No HOTM produce deliveries this month
 - January - Week of 1/25
 - February - Week of 2/22
 - March - Week of 3/15
 - April - Week of 4/19
 - May - Week of 5/17
- **EFG Champion Logs are due on:**
 - September 11 - Initial
 - December 11 - Mid-Year
 - May 14 - End of Year
- **U-Pick Seeds, Starts, and Landscape Materials**
 - Pick-up times Monday-Friday 7 am - 4:30 pm
 - Semester 1: September 24th - November 19th
 - Semester 2: February 1st - May 28th
- **Mid-Year Consultations**
 - November 2nd - February 26th