

Stratton School Garden Newsletter



Cucumbers Galore!

Every garden season there seems to be a bumper crop. This year it is cucumbers! Summer Recreational Camp enjoyed incorporating the produce into lunches, cucumbers were served at the Community Welcome Back to School BBQ, and students will enjoy a basil, cucumber sorbet taste test through the Stratton Farm to School Garden Program.



A New, but Old, Garden Coordinator!

*Top Photo: 2015 5th Grade Class breaking ground for the six raised beds.
Bottom Photo: 2024 5th Grade Class -1st Garden Class of the School Year!*

From the ground breaking of the six raised beds in the front of the school, to helping build the nine raised Farm to School vegetable beds in the back, and supporting the dome being built, Mrs. Wuori has been a long supporter of the School Garden Program. She has switched positions in the school to the Farm to School Garden Coordinator where she supports the State Standards being taught in the classrooms Prek - 8th grade through outdoor learning, gardening and nutrition. She co-wrote the "Growing Gardeners" curriculum, published by the Greater Franklin Food Council, and promoted by Maine Ag in the Classroom.

She looks forward to teaching your children through experimental, creative lessons which support healthy living choices for the future.

We are adding a new Grow Tower to the Hallways!



Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 3rd

4:30 - 6:30 PM

IN THE GYM

Come one come all and eat the food your children planted, harvested, cooked and served for YOU!

Menu: Homemade Pasta with a variety of sauces, vegetable soup, meat soup, carrot/ginger soup, assorted salads, apple sauce, homemade bread and butter, dessert - TBA.

FMI or volunteering opportunities

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The Next Step in the Stratton School Garden

Last year, the previous Garden Coordinator held a very successful fund raiser to build an outdoor classroom pavilion and an orchard. We reached out to ReTreeUs and our application was accepted for a school orchard.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the orchard that was planned to be put in the spring of 2024, is postponed to the spring of 2025. Here is the timeline for the completion of the next step in the Stratton School Garden:

Fall 2024: Buy fence posts, fencing, dig holes and build doors. Get the fence installed.

Fall 2024: Final design for the outdoor classroom pavilion, bring to the school board for approval to begin building.

Spring 2025: ReTreeUs comes to the school and plants the apple orchard.

Spring 2025: The pavilion is built for teachers and students to use before the end of the school year.

Site of the New Orchard.



Harvest of the Month - Locally Sourced Produce!

September - Tomatoes from Beth's Farm in Warren, Maine - Salsa for tacos and sauce for pasta at lunch.

October - Apples from North Star Orchard in Madison, Maine. Whole apples and apple crisp at lunch.