Wisconsin Farm to School

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Are you getting ready for Farm to School Month? October is right around the corner!

There are some fantastic ways to get involved in Farm to School Month:

1. Participate in Wisconsin's Great Apple Crunch on October 13th



The Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch is a fun and easy event to highlight local and healthy foods in your school, organization, early care center and so much more! Click here to learn more about the Crunch and to register your event. There are over 250,000 students and adults signed up to Crunch so far...let's get to our goal of ONE MILLION CRUNCHES! Register today to receive your Crunch Guide and (maybe even) stickers!

Wisconsin Crunch Registration:

http://go.wisc.edu/npmdqa

Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/greatlakesgreatapplecrunch

2. Join the Midwest Menu on October 6th

Looking for a fun new way to celebrate your farm to school efforts and farm to school month using your whole lunch tray? You can be a part of the Midwest Menu event on October 6. Join districts across the Midwest Region in serving the same menu featuring healthy, regional, sustainable – and celebrating the procurement power schools carry in the region. The Midwest Menu event is a project of Focus Midwest and School Food Focus.



Details and Registration: http://Bit.ly/MidwestMenu2016

3. Celebrate with the National Farm to School Network



Every October, thousands of students, teachers, farmers, food producers, food enthusiasts and advocates celebrate the connections happening all over the country between children and local food. Join us! This year's theme, One Small Step, will highlight the simple ways anyone get informed, get involved and take action to advance farm to school in their own communities and across the country. Starting in mid-September, sign the One Small Step Pledge and you'll be entered to win support for a farm to school project at the school of your choice! Stay tuned for more details coming later this month.

- Find activity suggestions in our <u>Farm to School</u> <u>Month 2016 Fact Sheet</u> Find activity suggestions in our Farm to School Month 2016 Fact Sheet
- Download and print posters and stickers
- A <u>communications toolkit</u> for sample newsletter copy, social media and press release template
- Sign on to be a National Farm to School Month outreach partner
- Discover more resources in our Resource Library
- Celebrate by tagging your social media posts with #F2SMonthor #farmtoschool.

