

FRESH from the Garden

A message from Amy & Doug

Wow! What a year of growth! Now is the time to celebrate your successes in the garden! Here are just a few of the many successes we have seen and heard about:

- Our plants grew!
- Students tasted vegetables they had never seen or tried before.
- Kohlrabi looks weird, but tastes good.
- Kale needs a good massage, too.
- Smoothies can provide you with a variety of vitamins and minerals.
- Strawberries have cool DNA.
- Homegrown strawberries taste better than store-bought strawberries.
- The garden is a great place to teach measurement skills.
- The garden is rich with life cycles.
- Soil is a living environment.
- The students were excited to learn in the garden.



Take time to relax and reflect. While your summer garden rests (make sure you put your beds to bed!), take time to think about how you plan to use your garden next year. Is there a particular standard you would like to cover? Do you want to try some problem-based learning? Is there a particular tasting/harvest you want to try? We are still available to help with fall planning during the summer, or better yet, join us for the [School Garden Summer Institute](#).

Join us for Summer School!

In our two years of working with school gardens, we've realized that aside from having a school

garden space, the biggest factor holding teachers back is lack of confidence in their own ability to grow a garden. The Summer Institute will be an intensive 2-day professional development on August 15-16 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Day 1 at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis will focus on equipping teachers with garden knowledge and a skill set for success. Day 2 will inspire teachers with a field trip to Barbee Farms in Concord and hands-on trainings and demonstrations in a school garden.

Teachers will not only grow their knowledge but will have an opportunity for some great networking. We have teachers from across the state already registered as well as a wonderful keynote speaker. We are looking forward to learning from each other's experiences. And not to be overlooked, we have some awesome door prizes we can't wait to put in your hands. This is a free event, but we do have limited space so [register](#) today (or by June 30)!

See you again in August!

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