Email introducing the Makah Ozette Fingerling potato to Oregon School Garden Hubs

Hello School Garden Hub Leaders,    PLEASE share with your school gardens!

As you might know, I’ve kind of adopted the Makah Ozette Potato as a key NW school garden teaching tool.  It has a wonderful story of being “discovered” on the very remote NW tip of the Olympic Peninsula in Washigton on the Makah Reservation..  WSU did DNA test to discover that the potato was isolated there for 200 years, and has a direct link to Spanish explorers!  They used to be available commercially for a couple years, but unfortunately there are no longer any large commercial growers that are making them available..

That is, until Joann at the very small Tranquil Farms in Oregon City decided she didn’t want this potato to die out.  She’s trying to keep the history alive of this cultivar by making it available to school gardens!