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FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: INSIDE THE ISSUE



Oregon Harvest for Schools

The newest videos are here! In this issue we feature Parsnips in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and Microgreens in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)!

Grant Updates

Please take note that the Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant is now listed under "The Office of the Director" in EGMS. This is where you will find your 2021-2023 biennium awards. The 2021-2023 claim form can be found on the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.

FFVP Update

FFVP subgrants have been built in EGMS and are currently marked as "on hold." This is due to the fact that we are waiting for ODE's contracts department to issue grant agreements for FFVP SY 2021-2022 awards. We hope this will happen early in the new year. Once agreements are signed and returned we will remove the holds on the FFVP awards. The FFVP training for SY 21-22 is also now available on the [FFVP website](#). This course is mandatory to participate in the SY 21-22 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and must be completed before submitting your first FFVP claim.



Farm to School Spotlight

The Youth Grow team at **Growing Gardens** demonstrated how to make salsa verde at 6 schools, and sent 316 salsa verde kits home for kids to cook with their families! Pictures and more about the project can be found on page 4.



Our newest videos are here featuring Parsnips and Microgreens!

The month of December brings new additions to the Oregon Harvest for Schools (OH4S) video series; Parsnips in English and Spanish and Microgreens in English and Spanish!



An English language version of the [Parsnips video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Parsnips video](#).



An English language version of the [Microgreens video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Microgreens video](#).

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign have teamed up to launch this series which will include a total of 50 videos when complete. The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. For a comprehensive list of the videos we have available to date visit the [Oregon Harvest for Schools website](#) and click on the Videos tab under "Other Items."

To find local vendors selling parsnips, microgreens or any of our other fruits and vegetables, please visit the recently redesigned [Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory website](#). It includes new search categories and many new ways to sort including producer identity, USDA meal components and availability.

Please visit the [USDA Food Buyers Guide website](#) for more information on USDA crediting for parsnips and microgreens in Child Nutrition Program meals.



2021-2023 Biennium Awards: Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

2021-2023 Biennium Updates

- The Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant is now listed under "The Office of the Director" in EGMS. This is where you will find your 2021-2023 biennium awards.
- The 2021-2023 claim form can be found on the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.
- Due to the challenges this school year has posed, the December 31, 2021 deadline for initial claims is no longer a requirement.

The mandatory [Training Webinar](#) is now available on the [Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). This is a recorded webinar. Please view as your schedule allows. After viewing is complete, each grantee must fill out a [Reimbursement Grant Attestation Form](#).

Before Farm to CNP claims can be approved, returning sponsors must complete a [Final Report](#) from last biennium and new sponsors must complete a [Baseline Report](#).

Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us. We will post a Q&A after reviewing and answering all submitted questions.

We will send out a listserv announcement about the Education Grant and Technical Assistance Grant as soon as we have updated timelines.



2022 Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Conference

The 2022 Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network Conference is going virtual!

While the desire to gather together like we normally would is strong, faced with the continued pandemic and unprecedented supply chain issues and labor shortages, we have decided to offer a virtual conference that we hope allows you to participate without interrupting your work schedule or causing extra stress.

We know there have been a lot of online learning opportunities throughout the pandemic, but we are striving to bring you a Conference that provides the chance to connect with farm to school stakeholders across Oregon, and to share promising practices and real-life examples of programs that are meeting current challenges with creativity and innovation.

Please mark your calendars and prepare to join us and be nourished by meaningful connection to Oregon's farm to school community!

Dates!

The Conference will be held over the weeks of **February 14th and February 21st**, with sessions spread out across both weeks.

February 14th-18th: This week focuses on supporting Child Nutrition Programs and Oregon Producer Connections with sessions every afternoon

February 22nd-26th: This week focuses on supporting farm and garden educators with alternating sessions in the morning and afternoon in hopes that we accommodate different teaching schedules.

Specific times for each day can be found on OFSSGN's [Conference Website](#).



Updates on the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Program

FFVP SY 2021-2022 Updates

- FFVP subgrants have been built in EGMS and are currently marked as "on hold." This is due to the fact that we are waiting for ODE's contracts department to issue grant agreements for FFVP SY 2021-2022 awards. We hope this will happen early in the new year. Once agreements are signed and returned we will remove the holds on the FFVP awards.
- In the meantime, please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us according to the SY 2021-2022 [FFVP timeline](#). October 2021 claims are due **Thursday, December 30, 2021**. Due to the fact that subgrants are currently "on hold" in EGMS, we will allow EGMS entry after these deadlines but grantees are still responsible for turning their claims in to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us by the listed deadlines.
- Please email us at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us if your school is no longer planning to offer FFVP service or SY 2021-2022 so we can reallocate the funds to schools that are offering FFVP service.
- Please complete the mandatory annual FFVP training before submitting your first FFVP claim.

Course Title: ODE - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) 2021-2022 Training

Course Description: Annual training course for ODE's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mandatory or Optional? - This course is mandatory to participate in the SY 21-22 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and must be completed before submitting your first FFVP claim.

How do I enroll in the course? - It's easy! Follow these steps:

- [Create a free Oregon Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account](#). *Tips:* Make sure to create account before trying to login. Make sure to select the 'Oregon Department of Education' affiliation. (View this [job aid video](#) if you need assistance creating an account, or [follow the instructions on this pdf](#)).
- **Search for course title** by clicking 'browse learning content,' then type 'ODE FFVP' in search box, select course and click 'Start Course.'
- Your participation will be recorded once the course is complete.

If you struggle to find the course after creating a Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account, please contact Amy Williams at amy.williams@state.or.us. *Please note:* If you have a Workday account through your school district or organization, you will need to create a separate ODE Extended Enterprise Learner account. You will only be able to complete ODE courses through [Workday Oregon](#).

Forgot your password? View this job aid for the ['Forgot Password Self-Serve Process for Extended Enterprise Learners.'](#)



Farm to School Spotlight: Growing Gardens



Peeling tomatillos at Powell Butte.

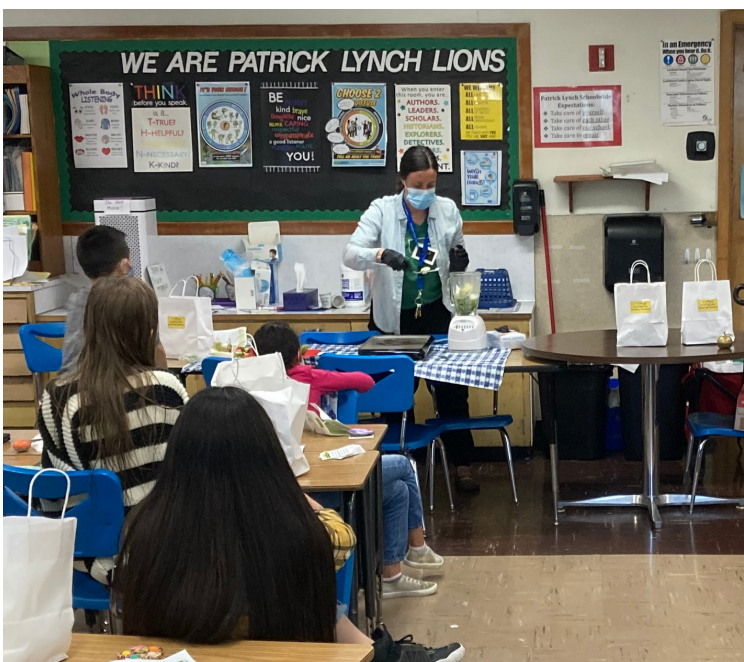
The Youth Grow team at [Growing Gardens](#) demonstrated how to make salsa verde at 6 schools, and sent 316 salsa verde kits home for kids to cook with their families! New Seasons market donated about 1000 lbs of fresh produce (tomatillos, onions, peppers, cilantro and lime) to supplement what students grew in their school gardens. The lesson celebrated culturally-specific food and inspired students to taste fresh produce.



Amoreena Guerrero with a truckload of produce.



Green salsa cooking kits.



Salsa Verde demo.

Here's what Youth Grow Educator Allison Yoder said about the project:

"My green salsa lessons were a huge hit and so much fun! Having take home cooking kits for the students felt really powerful. Students were so engaged and asked lots of questions about the cooking process, since they knew they'd be making the recipe at home. I got a ton of positive feedback from the students about how much they loved the salsa. Students said, 'I want to drink that!' and 'I give it an infinity out of 10!'"

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