



HINTGEN ELEMENTARY

April 2024

Dream—Believe—Achieve—Discover

Empower Every Child, Every Day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Hintgen Families,

I hope that everyone had a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing Spring Break. As I write our April newsletter, I find myself reflecting on the year and find it hard to believe we are embarking on April! As always within our newsletter you will find detailed information on all the upcoming important topics for April, and you will also continue to see SDLAX updates regarding information from our School Board and any next steps that they identify. We had many families and community members join us at our FAQ session before spring break. We anticipate hosting more of these sessions in the coming months.

Spring usually reminds me of several things: growth in student learning, growth outside, longer days of sunlight and summer just around the corner. It is hard to believe that after spring break, we have just 8 weeks remaining of school. During that time, we will continue to ensure your child's needs are being met and that they are making progress both academically and socially/emotionally. We just started our last WIN cycle of the year, the time of day that is above and beyond core classroom instruction and is targeted intervention and enrichment time. I encourage you to maintain school routines and reading at home daily, so that your children can continue to grow as a learner. I find myself realizing that I know that the last 8 weeks of school literally fly by each year and the schedule is always jam packed with things to do both at school and in your own homes. I challenge you to strive to find the best balance as a family to ensure that your child is ready to engage in learning in the last weeks.

Typically, in April we have a number of schoolwide events and field trips for students. Pay close attention to your child's folder to see any updates, forms, and notices of unpaid field trip fees. We will also be planning for a spring family event on April 11th, please be sure to read the flyer and send it back if you are attending so that we can plan accordingly. In addition if you would like to take the opportunity for a free haircut, please ensure you utilize the QR code provided to sign up.

As always, should you have any questions, concerns or ideas on how to continue to make Hintgen a great place please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at aoliver@lacrossesd.org or via phone at 608.789.7767.

Happy Spring!

In partnership,
Amy Oliver Principal



HINTGEN NEWS

Important Dates

Monday, April 1st-Tuesday, April 2nd

No School—Spring Break

Tuesday, April 9

PTO Meeting-Virtual via Zoom 5:30 PM



Monday-Friday, April 8-12

Wisconsin Severe Weather
Awareness Week



Tuesday, May 7th

Culvers Night—5:00-7:00 PM



UPCOMING MUSIC CONCERTS

The Orchestra & Music
concerts for 2023-24 are
listed below, please mark
your calendars:



Thursday, May 2nd—6:00 p.m.

Gr Kdg/1st/2nd Music Concert—Hintgen Gym

Thursday, May 9th—6:00 p.m.

Gr 3rd/4th/5th Music Concert—Hintgen Gym

Tuesday, May 28th—6:00 p.m. Gr 4/5—Spring Orchestra
Concert, Hintgen Cafeteria

PTO News

We would like to invite you to join our Hintgen PTO. The PTO meets monthly on the **2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**. **All of our meetings will be virtual and you can access the link below to join us.** Meetings start at 5:30 pm. Here is the standing link to join us:

[Hintgen PTO Google Meet Link](#)

Please consider joining us at a meeting, or helping out in any capacity as we are always looking for additional parent supports. There are many ways you can be a PTO member. Please contact our PTO reps, Dawn Ortiz (608)792-8713) or Melissa Heberlein (608-385-3070) or email them at ptohintgen@gmail.com. They can help you if you have any questions or want to know ways to become involved. Please see the dates listed below as the PTO meetings for the 2023-24 school year:

April 9 May 14

Check out Hintgen PTO on Facebook!

[Hintgen PTO Facebook Page](#)

CLASSROOM TEACHER REQUESTS 2024-25

It seems hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner and it is the time of year where we begin to plan for next year's class placements. Every teacher in our building is a highly qualified educator, but as a parent you have the opportunity to request a teacher if you have an identified need for your son/daughter. Per board policy, any request for a teacher needs to be written and submitted to the office by May 1st in order to be considered for next year. Within your request please detail your reason as to why this placement will ensure a successful year for your child. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Oliver.



HINTGEN NEWS

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024-25



Kindergarten and preschool registration for the 24-25 school year is underway. We ask that parents who have a child that is eligible for Kindergarten this fall to call the school to confirm that their child will be coming to Hintgen for the 24-25 school year. Please call 608-789-7767 or email the office at hintgen@lacrossesd.org.

Preschool Registration is for students who will be four years old by Sept. 1, 2024. New student Online enrollment is open now.

Visit [4K Preschool Enrollment](#) page or scan this QR code

- Existing Family in District: [Click Here](#) You will log in using your Skyward family account information and click the New Student Online Enrollment on the top left.
- New Family in District: If you are new to the school district, [Click Here](#) . Follow the prompts to create an account and complete the New Student Online Enrollment process in Skyward.



It has been brought to our attention that Hintgen was not identified during 4K site selection. If you had planned on attending Hintgen, please contact the 4k office and/or Hintgen Elementary School.

Attendance Reminders

Breakfast begins at 7:45 AM in the cafeteria

School Day begins at 8:05 AM

If your student is eating breakfast at school, please have them arrive at 7:45 so they can eat before the start of the school day.

If you know your student will be arriving late, please call the office and let us know their lunch choice for the day.



PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School Dates

July 8th-August 2nd (Monday-Friday)

-PRESCHOOL PALS-

-KINDERCAPERS-

-READING & MATH-

We will have **ONLINE** Pre-Registration for Summer School at:

[La Crosse School District Summer School Webpage](#)

Registration Dates:

PRE REGISTRATION FOUNDATION COURSES

READING/MATH, KINDERCAPERS, PRESCHOOL PALS:

February 28th-March 15th

**ALL SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION
INCLUDING MUSIC LESSONS/CAMPS, READING/MATH,
KINDERCAPERS, PRESCHOOL PALS:**

March 22- April 12

A link to the Summer school course list is available online at the bottom of the Summer School webpage or by following this link:

<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/programs-services/summer-school/summer-school-courses/>

**Summer School Dates: July 8th-August 2nd
(Monday-Friday)**

If you have additional questions please give the Summer School office a call at 608-789-8955.



HINTGEN NEWS

HINTGEN FOOD PANTRY

We continue to help support families during the school year on a weekly basis with our very own Hintgen Food Pantry. Thank you to our partner, Good Shephard church for their donations and for assisting our families during this time. If you are in need of assistance, please contact Ryan Schmidt our School Counselor/Social Worker at Hintgen at (608) 789-6807 or email at rschmidt@lacrossesd.org.



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Tornado and severe weather awareness week is April 8th-12th. We will have a practice tornado drill in April. As part of our efforts to ensure the safety of all students, we practice different safety drills monthly. Families should have an in-home plan in case a tornado watch or alert is given via television or radio. Children need to know where you, as the parent, want them to be in the event of such a storm warning. We would suggest that you work out a family plan and make sure that each member of the family understands it. It could be a lifesaver.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

As part of our Hintgen Family Needs Assessment that we administered two years ago to all Hintgen families, one of the areas of strength was our pick up and drop off procedure. At that same time one of our identified areas of concern was safety. We are lucky this year to be able to partner with Safe Routes to School for a grant opportunity to monitor our pick up and drop off procedure for safety in front of school and at the corner of 28th and Birch St. This will take place during the week of April 8th and there will be traffic monitors outside. As we collect this information and partner with Safe Routes, we will be able to determine the scope of the safety concern and then identify next steps. We want families to be aware of this endeavor and monitoring taking place. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at Hintgen.

HINTGEN URBAN GARDEN

As we return from Spring Break, we will begin to again venture out into our Hintgen Urban Garden (H.U.G). Please welcome Amy Sherril as our GROW garden teacher! She will be able to join us in person outdoors to teach our garden lessons so that kids can engage in hands on learning and planting within our garden. We cannot wait to get outside and learn!



FORWARD EXAM UPDATE

The Wisconsin Forward Exam and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) are Wisconsin Student Assessment System required assessments. **The 2024 assessment window opens mid-March and runs through early**



May. The Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online at:

- Grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics
- Grades 4 and 8 in science and,
- Grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies

This year there have been some slight adjustments to the statewide assessment. Expect communication to come from your son/daughter's classroom teacher in March about their testing dates. Please plan around these dates as attendance is crucial once the testing begins. The test is untimed and crosses multiple days.

HINTGEN NEWS

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS STARTING

APRIL 10TH

Get READY, the Walking School Bus is returning for Spring. We will begin on April 10th and walk every Wednesday through May 29th. Please meet at 7:20 at the Big Electrical Pole, between Kenton and Birch Streets on 33rd St. Miss Delane will see you there! If the weather looks iffy please listen for a skylert or check the Hintgen Facebook Page for updates.



STUDENT ARTWORK SELECTED

Congratulations Jackie Lor!

Jackie's fish sculpture was selected by School Board Member Scott Neumeister as his favorite artwork. This year, artwork included many sculptures, paintings and drawings of fish. Jackie will receive special recognition for his sculpture at a School Board meeting in May and his artwork will be on display at the Hogan Auditorium for the next year!

Great work Jackie!



PBIS NEWS

During the month of March we just had our Qtr. 3 PBIS Schoolwide Celebration heading to the Rivoli Movie Theatre together as a school to watch the Trolls 3 movie. Every year, after spring break we spend some time re-teaching our PBIS expectations both in the building and outside as the weather is warmer! As the weather warms up, and we return from break we will once again be re-teaching our schoolwide expectations. We also continue to focus on our District Core Values each month within our classrooms and then celebrate that schoolwide focus during our all school Morning Meetings one time a month. In April we are focusing on the core value of Perseverance. Ask your son/daughter to tell you what it means to persevere both in school and at home or within our community.



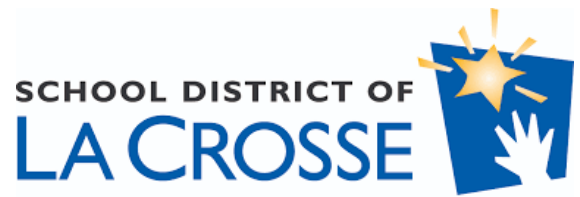
MONTHLY READING LOGS

A reminder that at the end of each month, students are encouraged to bring back their home/school reading logs and turn them into their teacher. When they do so, they will have an opportunity to visit our Book Vending Machine and receive a free book, as well as a coupon to go to Pizza Ranch! Only when kids read at school and at home can they continue to make reading progress and feel successful as a reader!



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE:

Hello School District of La Crosse families, staff, and community members,



In a decisive move during the [March 18th Board meeting](#), the School District of La Crosse's Board of Education reaffirmed its commitment to shaping a positive future for students. Voting to approve capital referendum language as part of the November 2024 ballot, the Board advances the district's long-range plan.

The proposed \$53,500,000 referendum involves building a new school at the Hogan Administrative Center site to merge Emerson and Spence Elementary Schools and removing the current Hogan building. It also includes expanding State Road Elementary School with eight classrooms and a gymnasium to consolidate State Road and Hintgen Elementary Schools. The proposal aims to enhance educational resources and right-size the district, balancing the budget. The cost to taxpayers is estimated at \$40 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The Board will hold another vote on the official legal resolution at its next meeting on April 15, with the Board's intentions remaining consistent.

The consolidation of elementary schools into a new building and addition offers a transformative opportunity to elevate educational outcomes, foster a sense of community and belonging, and inspire a shared vision for the future of learning. By focusing on the positive impacts on students, families, staff, and the broader community, the district can create a dynamic educational environment that prepares students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Consolidation provides an opportunity to create a unified school culture and identity. By fostering a sense of belonging and pride in these new school communities, students, families, and staff can forge stronger bonds and work together to create a positive and inclusive environment. The referendum also represents a forward-thinking approach to education that prioritizes long-term sustainability and growth.

The Board will hold collaborative discussions with the community to benefit students, staff, and enhance the well-being of neighborhoods and the broader La Crosse community. Details on community engagement will be announced soon.

For more detailed information about the district's strategic planning process, please visit www.lacrosseschools.org.

HINTGEN FAQ SESSION UPDATE

We had over 47 families in person and 13 families online join us for our FAQ session with Dr. Engel last month. As the board continues to determine next steps, we will continue to hold FAQ sessions for our families as needed. Please stay connected and informed with the district updates, the Hintgen homepage and our PTO Facebook page.



Kringle Fundraiser

Sponsored by

Hintgen Elementary PTO

We will be taking orders from the Racine Danish Kringles Fundraising Brochure.

Please show your brochure to family and friends!

Sale Starts: Monday, April 8th 2024

Please clearly print your name and phone number on your brochure.

This is a pre-pay sale. Please collect payment for each order when it is placed!

Please make checks payable to: Hintgen Elementary PTO

Sale Ends: Thursday, April 25th 2024

Return your brochure and money by this date.

Please carry all totals from each item on your brochure to the bottom of each column.

Please Double-Check all your totals.

Pickup Date: Tuesday, May 14th 2024

Please make arrangements to pick up your orders in the cafeteria after school.

** Remember, due to unforeseen circumstances, the truck could be delayed. **

Note:

We do not have storage space for these perishable items.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Dawn Ortiz (608) 792-8713
ptohintgen@gmail.com

Salesperson: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 School/Group: _____
 Make Check Payable To: _____
 Return Form Date: _____ Delivery Date: _____

Hi! We're raising money for

To reach our goal, we are taking orders
 for 22 oz. oval Kringles from
 Racine Danish Kringles.



12 Delicious Flavors

22 oz. Oval

\$13.00
each

| Customer Name | Telephone Number | Almond | Raspberry Cheesecake | Pecan | Turtle | Apple Cinnamon | Cherry | Chocolate Eclair | Raspberry | Cheesecake | Cinnamon | Blueberry Cheesecake | Strawberry | Total Qty. | Amount Paid |
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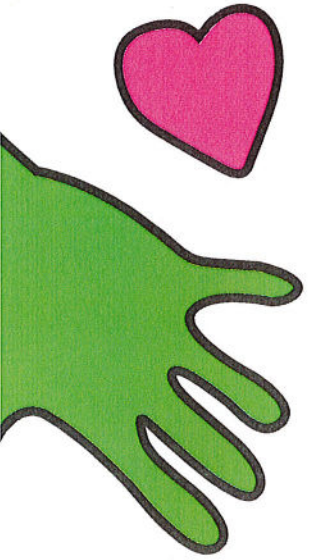
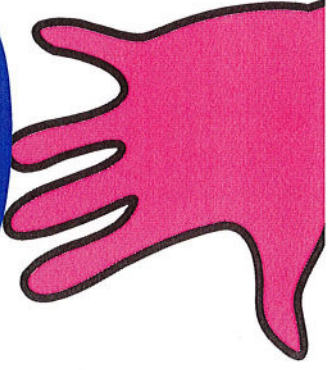


Ann Carlson
Palm + Pine
Yoga

**HINTGEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS**



Family Night



**Celebrating Wellness &
SEL (Social Emotional Learning)**

APRIL 11TH 4:30-6:00



Yoga
Session Times
4:30-4:50
5:00-5:20
5:30-5:50

Bal-a-vis-x
Session Times
4:30-4:50
5:00-5:20
5:30-5:50

SEL
Haircuts
Wellness Bags
Zones of Regulation Activity

Dinner
Starting at 4:30-
5:00 in the
cafeteria

**You MUST register if you
want your child to get a
FREE haircut!**



Register for
haircuts here!



RSVP
by April 6th

Family Name: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Number of Kids getting a haircut: _____

HEY HINTGEN TIGERS!



We want to see all of the cool things you do away from school.

1. Take a picture of something you did or something that makes you proud.
2. Scan the QR code below to add one picture a month to our school photo album.
3. Wait for our all school morning meeting to see your picture and what your friends are proud of too!

APRIL MEMORIES



HELP IS AVAILABLE.

If you or someone you love is struggling with your mood, sleep, energy, appetite, things at home, relationships, things that have happened in the past, or anything else, know that HELP IS AVAILABLE. Please ask for help when you need it!

Local Resources

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) La Crosse County

text "NAMI" to 741741 for 24/7, confidential, free crisis counseling. Go to <http://www.namilacrossecounty.org/>

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Go to samhsa.gov. National helpline for crisis. Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service. If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available, just call or text 9-8-8.

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La Crosse County Human Services Department

608-784-HELP (4357), Provided 24 hours – 7 days per week. Face-to-face and/or telephone response to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
-Great Rivers 211, dial 2-1-1 or call 800-362-8255,

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The Parenting Place

1500 Green Bay Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.8125

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MORE REOURCES: <https://www.thejoylabs.com/resources>



<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/couleebridges/>

2024

April-Walking School Bus

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|--|----------|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | We meet at the Big Electrical Pole between Kenton and Birch Street on 33rd St. | | | |

2024

May-Walking School Bus

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | 1 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Walking School Bus 7:20 AM | 30 | 31 | |

We meet at the Big Electrical Pole between Kenton and Birch Street on 33rd St.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Each student will receive a token for the Book Vending Machine and a Pizza Ranch coupon for a Free Children's Buffet for their Read at Home program when they turn in their reading log.



April

2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| | 1 NO SCHOOL | 2 NO SCHOOL | 3 Day 6 | 4 Day 1 | 5 Day 2 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Day 3 | 9 Day 4 | 10 Day 5 | 11 Day 6 | 12 Day 1 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Day 2 | 16 Day 3 | 17 Day 4 | 18 Day 5 | 19 NO SCHOOL | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Day 6 | 23 Day 1 | 24 Day 2 | 25 Day 3 | 26 Day 4 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Day 5 | 30 Day 6 | | | | |

As you read after school, keep track of the number of minutes that you read.

Write the number of minutes in the correct day.

Goal is 20 minutes a night!

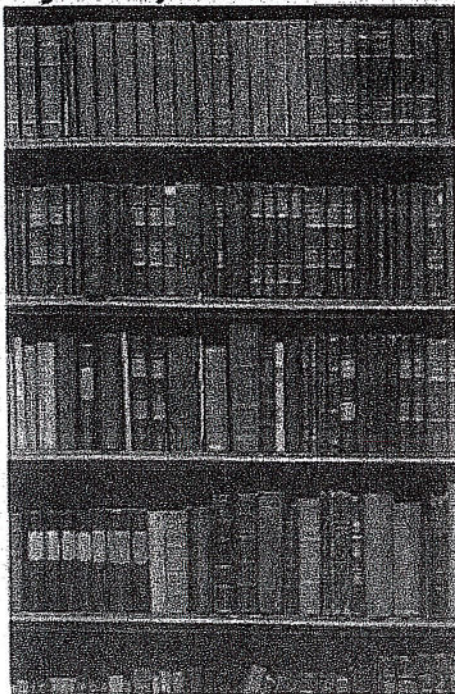
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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads 20 minutes
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words

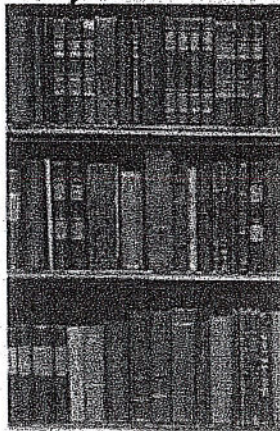


90th percentile

Student "B"
reads 5 minutes
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads 1 minute
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



Greens are the Harvest of the Month!

Add greens to your favorite family meals:

- Add fresh spinach to your smoothie.
- Use fresh or frozen spinach in lasagna, casseroles, or soups.
- Saute Swiss chard with garlic and add to eggs or top a pizza.

Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson kids will use for life.

Select – Look for greens that are a deep green color and have crisp leaves.

Store – Refrigerate in a plastic bag for 3-5 days.

Prepare – Rinse, then tear or chop the leaves.

Did you know?

“Super green” refers to dark green vegetables that contain extra amounts of key nutrients like vitamins A and C, potassium, and dietary fiber. These dark green vegetables are important to eat often to grow and stay healthy. Try a variety of “super green” vegetables including spinach, Swiss chard, kale, collard greens, romaine lettuce, watercress, bok choy, and mustard greens.



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin!
#WIharvestoftheMonth



This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is an EEO/AA institution committed to diversity among its employees and in its programs.

Recipe of the month

Seared Greens

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 8 cups kale or collard greens
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground pepper
- 2 Tbsp cider vinegar

Directions:

Clean the greens thoroughly and cut stems away. Dry well and tear into salad pieces or slice across leaf into 1/2 inch pieces. In a large deep pot or skillet with a cover, sauté garlic in oil. Add greens in pan with 1 cup water. Cover pan and steam for 4 minutes. Uncover, stir constantly until greens shrink. Add salt and pepper and continue to stir on high until mixture is thoroughly wet. Sprinkle cider vinegar on mixture. Cover. Turn off heat. Let stand until ready to serve.

Per serving: 89 calories, 5g fat, 4g protein, 9g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 133mg sodium

Source: laxf2s.org





SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS

Jan. 2024



2023 Reflections & New Year Goals

There were so many meaningful moments in the gardens, at the greenhouse and farm over the past year. Thank you for being a part of the magic that happens in these spaces. We want to share a little perspective on the impact of this hands-on garden-based learning in 2023.

- 9 School garden partner schools
- 88 Farm camp participants
- 262 Kids Cooking Challenge participants
- 120 Open Garden visits
- 603 Greenhouse or farm field trip attendants
- 600+ Pounds of produce harvested
- 672 Garden lessons were taught
- 3248 Students experienced healthy food and nature!

If you have a family goal of eating healthier or being more active in the community in the upcoming year we invite you to subscribe to our bi-monthly e-newsletter and social media pages. You will stay up to date on all of the extra programming available in and beyond your school garden, plus you will receive helpful hints and recipes to support family friendly healthy heating. Happy New Year!

Greenhouse Field Trips

Greenhouse field trip experiences start this month. We are excited to welcome students to our indoor growing space for an urban growing experience. Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, kale and lettuce are already growing for the taste tests. Field trip details and registration can be found on our website.

“Our school garden provides hands-on learning experiences that encourages healthy eating habits, connects students to nature, and also teaches responsibility, teamwork, and patience.”

- Ms. Clements, State Road 3rd Grade teacher



Thank You Garden Sponsors

