

# 2016 Harvest the Fun of Farm to School



October is National Farm to School Month and we want to celebrate our food, those growing it, and those enjoying it by allowing you to create your own celebration! As you build your own initiative, the more you celebrate, the greater the number of classroom supplies you will receive. Participate in ALL 3 LEVELS of fun and your school could be selected for a visit from Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey!"

This opportunity lets you celebrate your favorite Farm to School initiative like "A is for Apple" or create a new one. The principles remain the same. Funds will be provided for you to procure a locally grown fruit or vegetable, and incorporate it into a classroom lesson. Complete the application and pick your level of celebration. **HURRY** -- Farm to School Month is celebrated in October, and while you have a month to celebrate, the sign up for this initiative is only available for 1 week!

CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME SUPPLIES!!

**LEVEL 1:** Receive \$30 to purchase a locally grown fruit or vegetable and incorporate a classroom lesson.

Pick from:

- \* Fresh from the Farmstand: Recipes to Make the Most of Everyone's Favorite Fruits & Veggies from Apples to Zucchini, and Other Fresh Picked Farmers' Market Treats
- \* The Apple Cookbook: 125 Freshly Picked Recipes by Olwein Woodier

**LEVEL 2:** Enroll in the Midwest Great Apple Crunch (celebrated on Oct 13th) and submit photos, stories of your celebration <http://www.cfra.org/f2smoonth>

- \* Receive a From the Farm to You school year coloring calendar and a fruit or veggie pen for each student or pencil and erasers\*

**LEVEL 3:** Invite a grower in to help you celebrate and/or submit a video of your classroom celebration

- \* Receive a 26 page 7 ½ x 10 color booklet entitled "ABC's of Iowa Farm to School" for each student\*

\*Supplies are limited to 30 per classroom and may be substituted based on availability, book choices honored while supplies last



## Participation Rules:

**Teachers** who wish to participate in the "Harvest the Fun of Farm to School" Initiative **must agree to procure locally-grown fruits or vegetables from a local grower for your students. \$30 will be awarded to selected recipients. Checks will be issued to the School District and reimbursement will need to be made through them.** An invoice of the purchase will need to be submitted along with a Performance Report (which will be provided under separate cover to the selected schools). Any unused funds will need to be returned to IDALS.

Teachers will receive items based on the selected level of Farm to School Month participation. Please complete the attached form and return to us as soon as possible. **All participation forms must be completed and submitted by October 5, 2016.** This initiative is open to all grades. Don't delay-- only 30 applicants will be awarded funding. No more than 3 applicants per school will be approved. Award notifications will be made by October 7, 2016. Please be aware that the payment must be issued to a school or organization and the W-9 form must be completed accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative or the Farm to School Program contact:

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