

NEWSLETTER

SASKATOON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL FOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SFDP)



learning about vermicomposting at Gardenscape

The SFDP is grateful to the staff of Westmount, Howard Coad and Aden Bowman for their participation in our study so far. Through interviews and surveys with staff and students we have learned lots about food in Saskatoon schools and what our three partner schools value when it comes to school food programs (SFPs).

If you'd like to see some of our data, summary reports of all of your schools' info are available from your SFDP project manager, Stefanie Foster.

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR...

- Interviews with Key Staff
- Online Staff Survey
- Online Student Survey
- Staff Meeting Info Sessions
- We've also provided our schools with summer garden grants and funding for a variety of school and classroom SFP initiatives: 3 trips to Wanuskewin; 2 trips to Gardenscape; 1 Greenhouse Tour; 1 trip to CHEPs kiskikanis garden site; Knowledge Keeper visits; special event meals (including kitchen help); lunch dishes & cutlery; kitchen equipment (robocoups, stainless steel tables, freezers, microwaves); classroom gardening supplies; lunch supervision; Chef's in Training afterschool cooking program; fishing equipment and fresh fruit for students.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL...

We've collected lots of data, and are entering the fun part of this project - TRYING OUT IDEAS for culturally appropriate school food programming! We need to demonstrate what works, what engages students and what ideal school food programming might look like in Saskatoon schools and we have until January 2024 to do so. We've already got some great plans in place for fall including more Chef's in Training sessions; a new recycling program at Westmount and lots of autumn gardening.

Funding will be available to support and/or pilot test some of the great ideas our school partners have collected. Teachers and Admin may request support from the SFDP for SFP learning supplies, related field trip expenses; Knowledge Keeper/Elder participation; or school-wide initiatives related to meals and snacks, cultural events, etc.



tower gardening @ ABCI

Families & community members are invited to complete our community-level survey: Share this link with parents/caregivers:

https://calse.voxco.com/SE/90/Food_Practices/



TEACHERS AND STAFF ALREADY OFFERING FOOD RELATED PROGRAMMING WITH/FOR STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT DRAW CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FOOD AND CULTURE, ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER FILLING OUT OUR SFP ACTIVITY QUESTIONNAIRE BY FOLLOWING THE QR CODE HERE:



FOR MORE INFO OR TO REQUEST FUNDING EMAIL STEFANIE.FOSTER@USASK.CA
THE SFDP WILL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!