



It Starts with a Seed - Selecting & Accessing Seeds for School Gardens

Tuesday, February 25,
2020 | 3:15-4:15 PM

But first,
a bit of
housekeeping:



Webinar is being recorded – will be available on the Mass. Farm to School website



We will be sharing resources through the chat feature and again via email after the webinar concludes.



Q&A will be available through the chat & hand raise functions. You can submit questions thru chat at any time throughout the webinar.



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Education Working Group

The purpose of the Education Working Group is to integrate garden, farm, and food-based education statewide through promotion of best practices and support throughout whole school communities.

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Farm to School Basics: A Webinar Series for Garden Educators in Massachusetts

FEBRUARY

2.25.20 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM | Webinar

School Garden 101 Series: It Starts with a Seed - Selecting & Accessing Seeds for School Gardens [[Full Description](#)]

MARCH

3.27.20 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM | Webinar

School Gardens 101 Series: School Garden Lesson Planning & Classroom Management [[Full Description](#)]

APRIL

4.13.20 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM | Webinar

School Gardens 101 Series: Springtime Planning & Preparing for Planting in School Gardens [[Full Description](#)]

MAY

5.14.20 | 3:15-4:15 PM | Webinar

School Gardens 101 Series: Best Practices for Food Safety in School Gardens [[Full Description](#)]

JUNE

6.4.20 | 3:15-4:15 PM | Webinar

School Gardens 101 Series: Planning for Summer Care for School Garden Beds [[Full Description](#)]



Introducing the Edu Working Group Co- Chairs!

- Hope Guardenier, *Executive Director for School Sprouts*
- Calin Duke, *Farm to School Manager for Sustainable Nantucket*
- Dawn Lovejoy, *Nutrition Educator for UMass Extension*



School Sprouts

EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

Growing minds. Cultivating connections.

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SEED SELECTION 101

**Strategies for selecting seeds for your garden-
education project**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GROW?

- ❖ What are your goals?
- ❖ How much space do you have?
- ❖ What curricular connections are you hoping to make?
- ❖ What ages are you working with?
- ❖ During what season will you harvest?
- ❖ How much time to do you have for planting?

WORKING WITH GARDENS OF DIFFERENT SIZES



CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS

Three Sisters Garden



CURRICULAR AND CAFETERIA CONNECTIONS

Six Plant Parts



WHAT AGES ARE YOU WORKING WITH?



WHEN WILL YOU HARVEST?

Spring



Or

Fall



HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE TO PLANT?

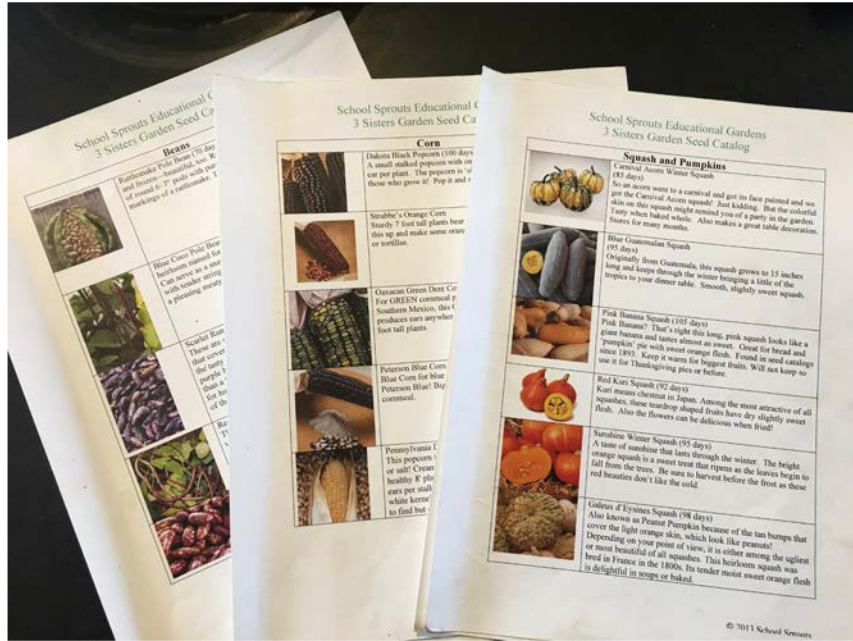


WHERE TO GET SEEDS

- Seed Companies
 - Johnny's
 - Fedco
 - Territorial
- Seed donations
 - Garden centers
 - Farmers supply
- Seed saving
- Seed libraries
- Seed swaps



SELECTING SEEDS WITH STUDENTS



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Greenhouse growing
- Microclimates
- Season extension



QUESTIONS?

PLEASE USE CHAT FUNCTION OR RAISE HAND

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