Thursday
Traveling
Map out how far your lunch food has traveled or plan a Farm to Table lunch using a NJ map.

Friday
Dress up as a farmer. Invite a farmer or food producer to eat with students in the lunchroom.

Muddy Monday
✓ Plant seeds and watch them grow!

Tasting Tuesday
✓ Feature Jersey Fresh produce in a tasting or on the menu.

Traveling Thursday
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Wellness Wednesday
✓ Become a "Farm to School" chef - use MyPlate and NJ Seasonality Chart to create a "Cool Food Menu" item.

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If you are looking for inspiration as you jump back into a new school year, look no further than this fall’s Top Tomato, Arlethia Brown!

Arlethia, Sr. Director of School Nutrition for Camden City School District, is leading a dynamic nutrition program for Camden students and their community.

Ms. Brown has created a school culture that centers student input and feedback on the school menus. Are you curious as to what students are requesting for their school lunch? Ms. Brown and her team have found the recipe for success. Serving locally grown and culturally inclusive food in federal nutrition programs has cultivated a nourishing platform that truly fits her students.

Embracing a whole-school and whole-community approach, Arlethia’s nutrition team brings Farm to School principles to life! This was highlighted during Camden City School District’s Earth Day Celebration - their first annual, “Local Foods and Sustainability Festival.” The event gathered together some of the school district partners such as, FoodCorps, Campbell Full Futures, & the Common Market. The school featured local produce, growers, activities in gardening, seed starting, and allowed guests to enjoy music as well as food - provided by Whitson’s Culinary Group.

When asked about their program mission, it is clear that Arlethia and her team are building something special in Camden.

What is their aim?

"To encourage and contribute to the development of our students and community. It is our mission to provide nutritious, appetizing, and quality meals in a healthy and courteous manner. Promoting healthy options and providing breakfast after the bell, school breakfast, school/after school snack, dinner, and other nutrition programs assist in the overall wellness of our students."

"To provide learning environments where all student are valued, accepted, and prepared to positively impact their lives, the environment, and the world."

Arlethia’s commitment to this vision, including school programs and collaborations, continues to be transformational for her students and the greater community. We are excited to celebrate Arlethia Brown as our Fall 2023 NJ Farm to School Top Tomato!
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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Farm to School Professional Development workshop for educators, food service professionals, and community partners. Registration is now open!

October 11, 2023 [Click Here] to register in South Jersey
October 20, 2023 [Click Here] to register in Central Jersey
October 13, 2023* [Click Here] to register*

*Open to early education professionals only

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

NJ School Board Association Conference
Oct. 23-26, 2023 - Tell your superintendent & board members to visit our booth! [Click Here] for link to Schedule of Events

NJ School Nutrition Association Conference
Nov. 8-10, 2023 - Farm to School will lead a session titled, "Creating Climate Friendly Food Service." [Click Here] for link to Schedule of Events

Jersey Tastes! Monthly Activity Center

September

October

November

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