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Julia, an FBISD
dietitian says,
"Life is better
when you're
UPBEET!"



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Harvest of the Month

Beets

Did someone say beets?

Carbohydrates

- Beets are a great source of fiber, which is the [carbohydrate](#) that helps us digest our food. Beets are also great to maintain a healthy heart!

Grow them at home!

- Beets grow best from November to March in Texas. Once the seed is in the soil it takes beets from 6 - 8 weeks to grow!

How can you eat beets?

- Beets should be peeled before consuming. They can be included into salads for color or decoration for soup. They can be roasted, boiled, or steamed.



Welcome volunteers!

Thank you for being a part of Harvest of the Month.

In this Packet

This packet will be provided to volunteers at each campus. Each volunteer will be provided with:

- Preparation instructions
- Information about the Harvest of the Month
- Guide to using disposable gloves
- Best practices for teaching students to try new foods

Prior to Harvest of the Month

1. Obtain volunteer packet from cafeteria manager.
2. Check with the cafeteria manager and/or campus staff regarding table set-up. (Ex: Will a table be provided to set up harvest display?)
3. Check with cafeteria manager if un-cut produce is available for display. If not, feel free to bring your own!
4. Read through talking points and print out photo displays

Day of:

1. Set up table with fresh produce and/or display photos.
2. Obtain gloves and samples from the cafeteria manager.
3. As you hand out samples, share the fun facts provided!



Trying New Foods

1. Encourage the students to try something new
 - Ask the students, "Is it ok if you don't like it?" and remind them that "YES! That's ok." Many students feel they have to pretend to like something when they try it, but it is great for the students to begin developing opinions about their personal "likes" and "dislikes." Make sure to let them know it is ok and acceptable to not like a food, but it is important to try new things!
2. Lead by example
 - If our Harvest of the Month product is one of your favorites, let the students see you taste it (just remember to change you gloves if you do!). Research shows, students are much more likely to try something new when they see adults and peers trying it.
 - If you are not a fan of what we are offering, keep that information to yourselves. An adult's opinion can influence a student and discourage a student from trying new foods.
3. Perfect opportunity for a quick lesson in etiquette
 - Sometimes students will be very vocal about how much they dislike a food. This can influence peers and is not respectful of the staff that prepared the food or the volunteers taking the time to share samples and information. A more polite way to express that opinion would be to politely say, "I don't care for that." Encourage students to say this instead.
 - Remind students that it is impolite and unsanitary to spit food out. Encourage students to start with a small bite and remind them that they need to swallow the food they try.



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Using Disposable Gloves

1. Wash hands before and after use of disposable gloves
2. Wear gloves when preparing and serving ready-to-eat foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, sandwiches, and salads
3. Change gloves frequently and between tasks
4. Never handle money and food while wearing the same gloves
5. Change gloves after sneezing, wiping nose, touching hair, or other contact with germs
6. Never re-use or wash gloves
7. Dispose of soiled gloves after use
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Get Social!

- Share the awesome programming you are providing with the district!
- Tweet @FBISDFoodie or email your pictures to CNDsocial@fortbendisd.com.

Note: We are unable to post picture with students' faces, please be mindful of the pictures you share



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