



*Partnering to bring healthy,  
local and sustainable food  
into public institutions.*



## **Congratulations to our 33 new Farm to School Canada Grant recipients!**

**In partnership with Whole Kids Foundation, we are so pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 Farm to School Canada Grants program!** Thirty three schools across 9 provinces and 1 territory have received grants of up to \$10,000 each that will help get an estimated 10,000 students growing, cooking, and eating healthy, local sustainable food at school!

**View the full list of grant recipients and learn more about the program here:**

**2022 Grant Recipients**





## What have our 2020 grantees been up to?

**Two years of growing, learning and participating in local food systems!**

As part of the 2020 Farm to School Canada Grants Cycle, 40 schools across Canada in 9 provinces and 1 territory received funding, adding to the successes of our previous grantees which are documented in [2020 Canada Digs in report](#).

Our 2020 Grantees have been busy with their farm to school programs. Schools have shared some great insights and learnings on how they made their programs work during COVID-19, and their plans for the upcoming 2022/23 school year.

[Learn more](#)



## Case Study:

# One school's journey from a contracted food service provider to a PTA-Run cafeteria

Kings County Academy (KCA) is a pre-primary to grade 8 school located in Kentville, Nova Scotia. The school has an enrollment of 630 students and 70 staff members, and KCA is in an agriculturally rich community. However, the community has a child poverty rate of 23.4%, with many families having inadequate access to healthy, affordable food.

KCA has a long history of a vibrant and dedicated Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and in 2019 they transitioned their cafeteria service from a contracted food provider to being PTA run. This case study details how they made it happen, what they learned along the way, and the impact it's having on their school community.

[Read the case study](#)



**Join us in October as we celebrate  
Farm to School Month with the theme of  
🌱 Food Connects!**

**Food has the power to connect us to so much of the world around us.**

[Farm to School Month](#) in Canada takes place every October and it provides opportunities to:

1. Showcase the diversity of ways farm or local food to school activities come to life in different communities.
2. Celebrate the impacts of farm to school, and the people who make it possible.
3. Set the stage to explore a relevant theme for the duration of the school year.
4. Encourage more school communities to get involved!

We especially love the Food Connects theme because the [Farm to School Approach](#) is all about making connections: to food and where it comes from, to hands-on learning, and to the broader community.

Throughout October and for the rest of the 2022/23 school year we'll be hosting conversations and

sharing resources and stories that explore this theme.

**Will you join us in celebrating how food connects?  
Stay tuned for more details to come in October.**

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## Explore the Farm to School Resource Centre

Our farm to school resource centre is a go-to site that curates videos, webinar recordings, toolkits, case studies, and other resources that answer school communities' most common questions on a range of farm to school themes.

[Learn more](#)

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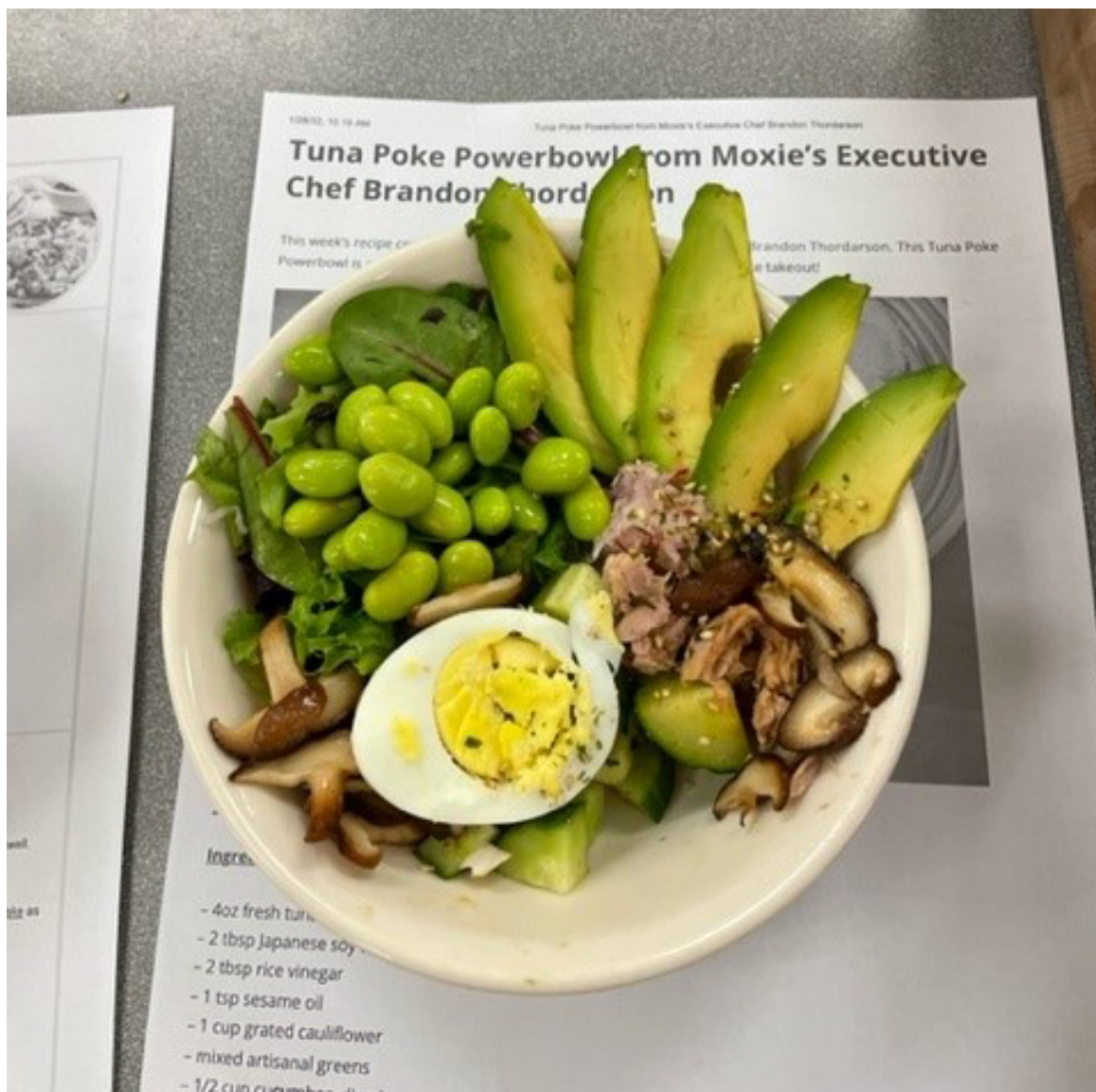
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## Impacts of Farm to School St. Martin de Porres

***"The Farm to Cafeteria Canada grant has really allowed our school to bring education on eating sustainably and locally to the forefront at our school. It has been an exciting endeavor and has even trickled into other initiatives, such as helping us re-think some of our waste management systems as we have converted to using more compostable packaging to serve our lunches. We are thankful to have been the recipients of the 2020 grant and all of the projects and initiatives it has allowed us to do for the students at St. Martin de Porres school."***

***- St. Martin de Porres High School, Airdrie, AB***

[Learn more](#)



## 10 Ways to Get Involved!

Whether you are brand new to Farm to Cafeteria Canada, or a long-time member of the community, there are lots of ways to get involved!

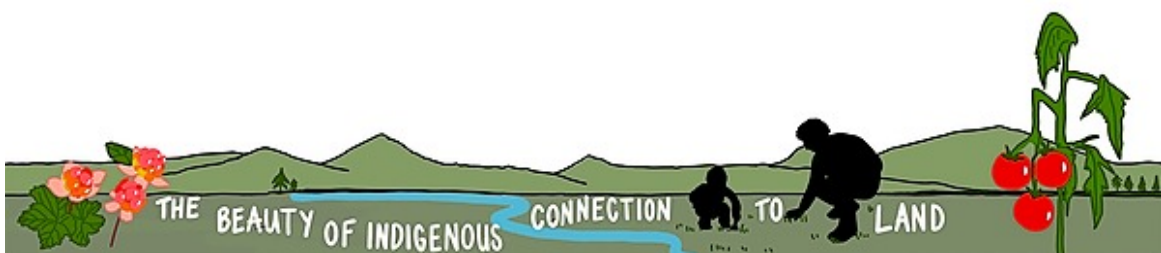
Get Involved

### Stay connected!

Join our [Facebook Group](#) to stay connected to stories about farm to school as well as stories that touch on the many facets of food systems. You can also pose questions and share resources. We are also on [Twitter](#).

If you know a colleague or friend who would like to know more about our farm to school work, invite them to [sign up here](#).

*Farm to Cafeteria Canada's team and project partners acknowledge that we live, work and play on the ancestral lands of the diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of what we now call Canada. Farm to Cafeteria Canada is committed to reflecting, honouring and amplifying Indigenous voices, perspectives and values in our work. To learn more please visit our [Nourishing Relations](#) page. To learn the traditional territories on which our individual team members are located, please visit our [team page](#).*



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