

From my colleague, David Wicks (KY School Garden Network): The school garden week has drafted an announcement for the school garden week, it is also posted on my Courier Journal Blog. <http://davidwicks.courier-journal.com/>

Mr. Wicks and the KYSGN are also looking for schools who would like to make a short student created video of their gardens to post on the Ky School Garden Network website www.kyschoolgardens.org. If you are interested, please go to their website for additional information.

October 10 to 15, 2010

The Kentucky School Garden Network is pleased to announce a new initiative to bring attention and focus on school gardens across our commonwealth. While school gardens have been a part of our schools for many years, The Kentucky School Garden Week is an opportunity for schools with existing gardens to recognize their work and “growing” skills and for schools who do not consider their options. We are encouraging local gardeners to get involved with their children’s or their community school, stop in the office and offer to volunteer. Stay tuned to our website, www.kyschoolgardens.org, for ideas, resources and events that you can participate in to learn, grow and eat.

Here is a taste of some of the opportunities:

1. Have a school garden work day: Join with others around the world in the Global Work Party on Sunday October 10, 2010 called - 10 10 10 www.350.org/
2. Participate in the Brightside’s annual youth summit on Tue. Oct. 12. This year’s focus is on school gardens.
3. Attend the Kentucky School Garden Network annual meeting on Fri. October 15 at the Green Building.
4. Submit a video tour of your school garden to the KSGN website.
5. Participate in a School Garden workshop - Check the KSGN website for opportunities.
6. Stay in touch, celebrate what your school gardeners are doing and help us grow healthy, engaged and physically active young folks all across our commonwealth.

For more information or to share ideas events: contact Ann Meurer: ann.meurer@gmail.com

As a proud parent of a Byck Elementary student and a supporter of their school garden, as well as a person who is married to an avid gardener! I encourage you to support your school garden through the KYSGN. If you don't have a garden at your school but would like one, I know that Mr. Wicks would be happy to offer advice. Just attend the meeting at the Green bldg and bring your students, after all, it will be their project!

Happy Harvest!

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