

Project Lunch Week: MARIN



Monday September 20-Friday September 24

Imagine a community in which all children are nourished, engaged, healthy and thriving.

Join us for the first-annual **Project Lunch Week: MARIN**, a week of school lunch education and celebration designed to inspire schools to work toward sustainable, local, and organic lunch programs and to build community around food.

All are welcome to participate in any of these special opportunities:

- Source school lunch ingredient(s) locally, seasonally and organically on some level during this campaign, taking one step toward a truly sustainable school lunch for all students.
- Celebrate and become informed with your school community. Host a school event; after school glean team, farmer assembly, student chef cook-off, on site farmers market, cooking demo.... Be innovative and creative.
- Register your school on teensturninggreen.org to join Project Lunch. Once registered on the Project Lunch registration form, schools will have access to whatever is needed to make this week a thriving success. Project Lunch Mentors will be available to support each school



Monday 9/20 – National Gleaning Day

Hosted by: Marin Organic

National Gleaning Day unites communities, farms and schools across the nation for a day of harvesting healthy food for kids! Join the Marin Organic Glean Team to glean extras from the fields of our local member farms and take back to your schools. Not in Marin? Gather your own glean team, organize a harvest at a local farm and donate to a school in your county! Contact Marin Organic to find out how.

Contact: Scott Davidson ▪ scott@marinorganic.org
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Tuesday 9/21 – Project Lunch Club Launch

Hosted by: Teens Turning Green

Start to form your Project Lunch Club with students, food service staff, and members of the school community united around bringing healthy, local, sustainable and fabulous food offerings to your lunch program. Learn about your school's food program, plan field trips, prepare food, host chef demos and be the innovators of your clubs. Start planning your Friday experience!

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Wednesday 9/ 22 – Organic Farm Field Trips

Hosted by: Marin Agricultural Land Trust’s Farm Field Studies Program.

Milk a goat, make butter, pick potatoes, feed a cow, pet a calf, and learn about Marin’s farms and ranches. There are 5 organic farms and ranches to choose from which give students the opportunity to learn about the natural world, our food supply, nutrition, and California history. Teachers and farmers use a wealth of curriculum aides, maps, and lessons which meet state standards.

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Thursday 9/23 – Marin Farmers’ Market Field Trip

Hosted by: Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM)

Explore the stalls of the Marin Civic Center Farmers Market and discover the fresh, local and seasonal bounty. Allow your lunch menus to come to life as you speak to regional farmers, learn about their week’s harvest, rub elbows with local chefs, and select some final ingredients for Friday’s Lunch Celebration.

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Friday 9/24 – School Lunch Celebration

Hosted by: Food Service Staff and Project Lunch Clubs

To honor this week, each participating Project Lunch Club will be asked to prepare a menu and host a locally sourced, wholesome, organic lunch, using gleaned and farmers market fresh ingredients. Everyone will be given a suggested list of seasonal ingredients to include in their menus.

▪ **Prize awarded to the most sustainable, innovative and delicious menu.**



Key Partners

- Marin Organic
- Teens Turning Green (Project Lunch)
- Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM)
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)
- Whole Foods Market
- Miguel Villarreal and Novato Unified School District
- Marin Department of Health & Human Services
Nutrition Wellness Program
- Marin County Office of Education

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