



SCHOOL GARDEN MENTORSHIP

Establishing a School Garden Culture

Tuesday, January 23rd
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. PST



Farm to School BC is a program administered by the Public Health Association of BC and is supported by the Province of British Columbia.

Speaker Bio and Contact

Our School Garden Mentors for this session were:

- 🔗 Matthew Reimer, McLeod School Farm to School Lead
- 🔗 Michelle Roberge, Farm to School Advocate

McLeod School's Farm to School journey started over a decade ago with a volunteer run, part-time, single salad bar. Over this decade plus, the program has grown leaps and bounds to include a greenhouse and garden, two kitchen staff, indoor growing and curriculum, meal programs and kitchen/life skills education. Matthew and Michelle's presentation inspires and shows what is possible with time, partnership, patience and passion. Their presentation uses the McLeod journey to show how involving the community, students and educators can establish a strong culture to support the sustainability of a program.

[Click here](#) to learn more about McLeod's Farm to School Program journey and see great pictures of their project and approach!

More questions for Michelle? Reach out to Michelle at jmfarm@me.com

Resources

- [F2SBC School Garden Committee Worksheet](#)
- [F2SBC Guide to Starting A Farm to School Program](#)
- [F2SBC Program Budget Calculator](#)
- [Lifecycles guide to Creating an Outdoor Classroom – School Food Garden Implementation Manual](#)
- [Megan Zeni's Blog](#) (amazing teacher and outdoor play advocate)
- [Kids Gardening - Seeds of Success Toolkit](#)
- [Kids Gardening - Benefits of School Gardening](#)
- [Farm to Cafeteria Canada - Benefits of School Gardening](#)
- [Example of SD68 Environment Stewardship Action Plan](#)
- Master Gardeners of BC. [Find your local chapter](#)



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Receive important monthly email updates on the School Garden Mentorship Program and connect with like-minded school garden enthusiasts in your community.

Request access to join at <https://groups.google.com/g/school-garden-mentorship> or send an email to communications@farmtoschoolbc.ca to be added to the group.

Program Links

- School Garden Mentorship Program: <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/garden-mentorship/>
- SGM Program Library: <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/sgm-program-library/>
- Connect with a Community Animator: <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/about-us/our-team/>
- Connect with Farm to School BC:
 - <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/>
 - <https://twitter.com/farmtoschoolbc>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/farmtoschoolbc>
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