

# 2023 School Garden Calendar

## October

### Garden Tasks

- When harvesting cool season crops such as chard, lettuce and spinach, don't pull up the entire plant. Just snip off the leaves and the plant will continue to grow and produce more leaves for harvesting.
- Pull out spent plants and add them to the compost.
- Save seeds to plant next year.
- Plant a fall cover crop in any empty beds.
- Inspect any season extension supplies to ensure they are ready for use (cold frames & low tunnels).

### Grant Opportunity

The Budding Botanist Grant awards 20 schools \$500 to support new or existing youth gardens.

Find more info and apply [here!](#)

Deadline is October 20th



### Get Organized

- Continue to harvest any remaining healthy summer crops from your garden.
- Check out our [blog](#) to learn how to extend the growing season with a low tunnel.

### Lessons & Curriculum

- Challenge your students to research ways plants and animals survive seasonal changes.
- Focus on roots as students pull out spent plants & discuss root adaptations (potatoes, rhizomes, etc.).
- Take an up close look at your compost pile and study the process of decomposition or nutrient cycling.



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