

DATA collection

SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2013

New Food? Don't Be Shy! Give It a Try!

**Don't be shy!
Give it a try!
Monthly
taste tests of
Georgia
grown food
will take
place in the
cafeteria and
food trivia
questions will
be featured
on the
morning
news.**

Sharon Elementary has been selected as one of five elementary schools chosen to participate in the Georgia Grown, Feed My School (FMS) for a Week program. Sharon will host a feature event every month, with different locally grown products being showcased throughout the school year.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture states the program's mission as: "The Feed My School initiative increases the nutritional value and quality of food in Georgia schools and bridges the communication gaps from the farm to the

cafeteria, resulting in healthier Georgia children. As the mission continues to expand and reach every school across the state,



there will be decreased barriers in the farm to school efforts and increased awareness as students learn and experience, both educationally and nutritionally, where their food comes from".

Don't be shy! Give it a try! Monthly taste tests of

Georgia grown food will take place in the cafeteria. Food trivia questions will be featured on the morning news. Sharon will provide at least 75 percent Georgia Grown food on every cafeteria plate during the week in April!

On September 20, Sharon will host a kick-off assembly with

guest agriculture speakers motivating the students and explaining the purpose of the Feed My School program. Students are encouraged to dress like a farmer for the event! Kids will go to the DIGS to sample Georgia grown food like bread, butter, honey, apples, and cheese!



**CONTEST
OF THE
MONTH!**

Create a **BLAZE ACROSTIC POEM** and win this month's newsletter contest! Write your poem using B-L-A-Z-E just like the one here and turn it in to the front office by Sept. 30!

Bodacious
Lizard
Alien
Zebra-like
Excellent



What's Going On Out Back & other news

Has anyone seen the Bartlett Pear tree in the DIGS recently? It has its first annual dangling fruit- go check out the pears before someone eats them up.

Summer was a fun time in the DIGS and we would like to send a HUGE thank you out to everyone who helped



maintain our garden throughout summer. These families filled bird seed, pulled weeds, watered some (less strenuous this year with all the rain) and gathered blueberries, green peppers, jalapenos, herbs, corn, squash, beans and more to eat at home.

The basil is still growing!

Cafeteria manager, Dee Mathis, made a cucumber and tomato salad that was served in the lunch line the last week of August with fresh basil from the DIGS. Hope you enjoyed it!

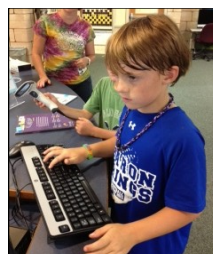
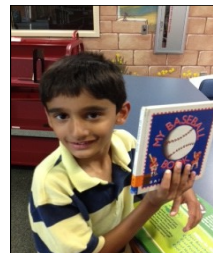
The 3 Sisters Crops that the fourth grade planted in the spring flourished and we determined these crops did better planted separately than all together, which was the common practice in Colonial Times.

We are planting winter crops soon and hope to be harvesting kale, beets, cabbage and winter squash in time for our after school program. They will be whipping up some tasty treats will harvested goodies from the DIGS.

In the meantime, APPLES will be our highlight for the month of September. If you need a new spin on an after school snack, check out our simple Nut Butter-Fly that can be made with peanut butter, Sunbutter or even Nutella!

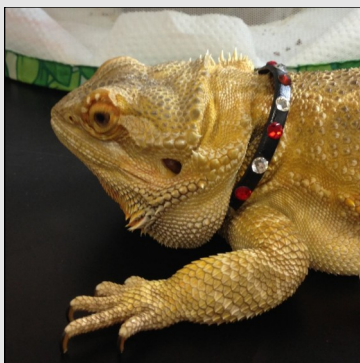


In September, the CASTLE hosted an open house for all volunteers! This month classes are focusing on reading for information and effective research skills. In grades three through



five, students will learn how to use student-approved search engines to find information, and will learn the basics of how to determine if a website is valid or invalid to use for research. In grades one and two, students will learn how to use technology and print

resources to locate information on a specific topic. Kindergarten students will be introduced to technology and literature activities to learn more about the differences between fiction and non-fiction.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLAZE!

Blaze has a long birthday "wish" list and needs YOUR help! Bring your spare change to your classroom and place it in the birthday "bucks" jar Sept. 23 - 27.

The classroom from EACH grade level that collects the most money will have a special Blaze birthday celebration!