

# The Daily Scoop, September / Intro Issue

Daily School Announcements to Encourage *Eating Lean & Green*



Welcome to the first/introduction month of *The Daily Scoop*, good nutrition news delivered daily. *The Daily Scoop* features *Harvest of the Month*, *Cool Bean of the Month*, and national health campaigns, such as *Walk to School Day*. Thanks for creating a leaner and greener world for our kids!

**Harvests of the Month:** Introduction, with Melon & Tomato (nutrients), alternates available\*\*

**Cultural Connection w/ Cool Bean of the Month:** Introduction to Cool Beans

**FALL Environmental Connection:** Eating in Season

**Health Campaign:** “Better Breakfast Month”

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Each announcement ends with, “Remember, healthy food equals better grades & mood!”

## FALL START, WEEK 1 - COLORFUL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

**1st day of the month.** Colorful fruits & vegetables are packed with *nutrients*. Nutrients are things like vitamins, minerals and protein. Nutrients are important for a strong body - so you can jump higher, run faster and play longer and stronger.



2. Colorful fruits & vegetables have special nutrients that boost brain power - to help you do your best in school. That’s why it’s important to eat *at least* five servings of fruits & vegetables a day. At least! Five servings is good. More than five is great!

3. Have you ever stopped to think about how amazing all the different foods are that grow from Planet Earth...like creamy yellow bananas and sweet red watermelons? Here’s something else that’s amazing: It takes over ten visits from a single bee to pollinate one melon!

4. September is *Better Breakfast Month*, reminding us how important it is to start the day with a healthy breakfast. Studies show that kids who eat a healthy breakfast can learn better throughout the school day.

**1st Friday of the month.** Michelle Obama, the wife of our 44th President, Barack Obama, started a program called *Let’s Move* to remind everybody how good it feels when we move our bodies. So, “*Let’s Move*” at recess today, and then all weekend long!

## WEEK 2 - HARVEST OF THE MONTH

**Monday.** When you pick a berry from a vine or an orange from a tree...that’s called harvesting. Fruits & vegetables are the most *nutritious* - meaning they have the most *nutrients* - when they are fresh and ripe, just after they are harvested.

2. It’s watermelon season, meaning now - during the summer season - watermelon is the most delicious and nutritious, packed with vitamins and minerals for a strong and long life.

3\* Every season there are new and delicious plants to *harvest*. Two popular harvests of the summer season are juicy red watermelons and tangy red tomatoes. Their beautiful red color lets you know that they’re rich in nutrients, to nourish your body and brain.

4. Late summer is a great time to harvest and enjoy watermelon. This month, delicious melons and tomatoes are ripe for picking. Both are rich in Vitamin C, a nutrient that helps heal cuts. Enjoy them now. Summer is almost over.

**Friday.** Former First Lady, Michelle Obama, says, “*Let’s Move!*” So let’s move at recess and PE today! And *let’s keep moving* all weekend long with a walk or a bike ride around the neighborhood. See if you can find fruit trees ready to be harvested.



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### WEEK 3 - COOL BEANS

**Monday.** Get the week off to a healthy start by nourishing your body with natural foods, like fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts and beans. These plant-foods are packed with nutrients for extra energy to make recess & PE a whole lot more fun!

2. Fruits & vegetables are harvested from plants. Nuts & beans are *also* harvested from plants. Nuts & beans are a very good source of protein, an important nutrient for building strong muscles, including your heart muscle - beating 100,000 times a day! Cool Beans.

3. This month, *Better Breakfast Month*, reminds us a healthy breakfast can help us do better in school. A bowl of oatmeal, topped with protein-packed nuts is a great way to nourish the many cells that make up your brilliant body & brain - 37 trillion cells!



4. Beans came to America from faraway places, like Asia and Africa. Bean burritos came to America from Mexico. During *Better Breakfast Month*, try a delicious breakfast burrito, filled with protein-packed beans, potatoes and chunky tomato salsa.

**Friday.** We’re moving into the fall season, so let’s enjoy the cooler weather this weekend by moving our bodies with a walk or jog around the block. Maybe you’ll spot a neighbor watering their fruit tree. Maybe they’ll share!

### WEEK 4 - EATING IN SEASON

**Monday.** Fruits that grow in the summer season are different than fruits that grow in the fall season. Now that we’re going into the season of fall, let’s get the week off to a healthy start by trying a new and fresh *fall* fruit, like an apple or pear.

2. Every season brings new and delicious fruits & vegetables to try. And when you eat fruits and vegetables in their growing season, they have the most vitamins and minerals - for a strong body, sharp mind and happy spirit.

3\* Now that we’re in the early fall season, we can enjoy ripe red fall apples, rich in vitamins and other special nutrients that help fight disease. It was Benjamin Franklin who said, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

4. Eating fruits & vegetables that are in season is good for you, *and* it’s good for the local farmers who grow the food. When we buy from our *local* farmers, the food is fresher and healthier, plus...we help support our neighbors and community.

**Friday.** You moved your body all week at recess and in PE, so keep up the momentum and *Let’s Move* this weekend with a game of catch or frisbee for exercise and fun. Throw further and faster at your local park.



\***Asterisks** indicate *Harvest of the Month* announcements that can be interchanged with *alternate HOM* announcements (see spring fruit and vegetable supplement). Alternate announcements are intended to be used as part of overall *Daily Scoop* program.





# Plants are Powerful Food for better grades and mood!



## Daily Scoop Nutrition Trivia

1. How many visits from a bee to pollinate one melon?
2. Special nutrient only in plant-foods?
3. Are beans a plant or animal protein?

**Cool Beans!**

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Daily Scoop connection, September. Colorful plant-foods, nuts and beans for plant-protein.



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- Nuts and beans are a good source of plant-protein and protein is important for *every cell* in your body. Can you guess how many cells are in the human body? Answer: 100 TRILLION!! ...*Cool Beans*.

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For the playful monkey in all of us - a quick, easy and healthy lunch!



- 1 ripe banana
- 2 Tablespoons nut butter (or almond, peanut, etc.)
- Whole Grain Tortilla
- Optional - sliced fruit or fruit spread, sprinkle of granola, and/or carob chips

Spread nut butter down center of tortilla.  
Layer remaining ingredients and... roll into burrito.

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Para el mono jugueteón dentro de todos nosotros  
- un almuerzo rápido, fácil, y saludable!



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 2 Tablespoons nut butter (almond, peanut, etc.)  
 Whole grain tortilla  
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 and/or carob chips

Esparza la mantequilla de nuez sobre el centro de la tortilla, ponga en capas los ingredientes restos, y arrollelos en el burrito.

Esperamos que estas puntas y la receta inspiraran una conversación de salud en su hogar. *Recuerden, ejercito y comida nutritiva significan notas mejores.* Traído a usted por [leanandgreenkids.org](http://leanandgreenkids.org)



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# The Daily Scoop...

## FALL vegetables, alternate announcements

### Leafy Greens (calcium)



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fight diseases (optional -like diabetes and cancer).

1. Our vegetable *harvest of the month* is leafy greens or in other words... big green leaves.

2. Leafy greens - like kale and spinach - are super foods! Leafy greens are packed with *phyto*-nutrients to help fight diseases (optional -like diabetes and cancer).

3. Our fall *harvest of the month* is... leafy greens - like kale, spinach and broccoli. Leafy greens supply calcium, an important mineral for strong bones. Got Kale?

4. Leafy greens are super foods, packed with more nutrients than most other foods! Trivia question: Do you know what old cartoon character got his super strength from spinach leaves? (A: Popeye)

5. Leafy greens grow well during the cold winter season. And they are a good source of Vitamin C to help our immune system prevent colds - in the chilly cold - and flu season.



### Winter Squash (iron)

1. Our vegetable harvest of the month is winter squash, rich in the mineral, iron. Winter squash are harvested in the *fall* season, but they're called *winter* squash because their hard shell helps them to last all winter long.

2. Winter squash - like butternut squash and spaghetti squash are orange on the inside - just like a pumpkin squash, so they're great sources of Vitamin A for healthy skin, bones, and eyes.

3. The Pilgrims survived a harsh winter because Native Americans shared their food. One special dish they shared was called *Three Sisters*, made with three super healthy plants that grow together: winter squash, kidney beans, and corn.

4. The Native American dish, *Three Sisters*, is made with healthy harvests that all grow together - winter squash, kidney beans, and corn. Winter squash and kidney beans are both high in the mineral iron, which helps your body fight disease.

5. The seeds of winter squash are healthy too. They are an excellent source of the mineral iron, which helps carry oxygen to every cell in your body - all 100 trillion cells!

### Pumpkin (beta-carotene)



1. Pumpkins are a very popular fall harvest. Pumpkins are a type of squash, good for making pumpkin pie, and also good for making delicious and nutritious soups and stews.

2. Orange foods like pumpkins and other winter squash are rich in Beta Carotene. Beta Carotene is a *super* nutrient that helps fight disease (like cancer).

3. Our vegetable harvest of the month is a pumpkin. And pumpkin *seeds* are a delicious snack because nuts and seeds are packed with vitamins, minerals, and protein.

4. Orange foods like pumpkins and carrots have a super nutrient called Beta Carotene. Beta Carotene helps you live longer and stronger because it is a phytonutrient to help fight disease.

5. Pumpkins are rich in the mineral, iron. Iron helps keep you healthy by delivering oxygen to your cells - all 100 trillion of them!!

### Root Vegetables (complex carbohydrates)



1. Our vegetable *harvest of the month* is a root vegetable. There are many different kinds - like beets, turnips and potatoes. They grow under the dirt and instead of picking them, we dig them up to harvest.

2. Root vegetables - like beets, turnips, and sweet potatoes - are an important source of nutrients called carb-o-hydrates. Carbohydrates are what your body needs for energy, especially your brain.

3. Our vegetable harvest of the month is a root vegetable - any vegetable you pull out of the dirt to harvest. Carbohydrates are nutrients in root vegetables that supply energy to the brain.

4. Root vegetables - like beets and turnips and sweet potatoes - were one of the main foods of early Americans was root vegetables because they could be stored for month through the harsh winters.



### Tomato (phytonutrient, lycopene)

3. Our vegetable harvest of the month is a sweet red tomato, which is actually a fruit - *because?* (A: It has seeds inside). A vegetable is the root, stem, leaf or flower of a plant. Five servings of colorful fruits and vegetables *every day* helps keep the doctor *away!*

4. The *phyto-nutrient* called Lycopene is what gives a tomato or watermelon its red color - and lycopene helps fight disease - like cancer. Only plants have *phytonutrients* like lycopene. Gotta like lycopene.

Tomato *begins* on opposite side...

### Over for FALL Fruits...



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# The Daily Scoop... FALL fruits, alternate announcements

This supplement makes it possible for you to customize the *Harvest of the Month* in *The Daily Scoop*. To use, simply substitute the following nutrition tips where you see asterisks (\*fruit, \*\*vegetable) in the original *Daily Scoop* series. *Alternate announcements are intended for use as part of the comprehensive Daily Scoop series.*



## Apples (sugar)

1. Our fruit *harvest of the month* is a juicy apple. The natural sugar in an apple boosts energy, so you can play longer and stronger.
2. Apples are an ideal snack - easy to carry, filling, and full of flavor. And they have the added bonus of having special “phyto” nutrients. Just like it sounds, *phytonutrients* help *fight* diseases.
3. Our fruit harvest of the month is a crispy apple - red, golden, or green. Whichever is your favorite, the natural sugar helps boost energy and fight disease.
4. Apples are called nature's toothbrush, because biting and chewing on an apple can reduce the amount of germs that cause cavities.
5. There are over 2000 different kinds of tasty & crisp apples! They are a sweet energizing addition to both fruit salads and green salads.

## Persimmons (beta-carotene)



1. A colorful fruit to *harvest* in late fall is a bright orange persimmon. Persimmons have a delicious cinnamon like flavor and their bright orange color tells you they are high in Vitamin A - for healthy eyes.
2. A persimmon fruit is a delicious orange fruit that grows on trees in the fall season. Persimmons are packed with vitamin A, important for healthy eyes, healthy skin and strong bones.
3. Our fruit harvest of the month is an exotic fruit from Asia called a Persimmon. Orange fruit, like persimmons, keep your body cells strong and healthy. Your body is made up of more than *100 trillion* cells!
4. Crisp sweet Persimmons have a super special nutrient called Beta Carotene. Beta Carotenes are in brightly colored fruits and vegetables and help you to fight serious diseases (like cancer).
5. Every different part of your body is made up of cells - 100 trillion cells! From your beautiful eyes to your pumping heart all the way down to your toes. Bright orange foods like persimmons help keep those cells healthy and strong.

## Over for FALL Vegetables...



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## Kiwifruit (vitamin C)

1. Our fruit harvest of the month is a little green fruit with fuzzy brown skin on the outside that kind of looks like an egg... a kiwifruit. Kiwi's grow on a vine and of all the fruits, kiwifruits have the most nutrients for a strong body and sharp mind.
2. Kiwifruit makes a delicious sweet and tart snack and is an excellent source of Vitamin C, which helps the body heal cuts and wounds.
3. Our fruit harvest of the month is the kiwifruit, and it's named after the kiwi bird in New Zealand! Kiwifruit is rich in Vitamin C which helps the body absorb nutrients from other foods.
4. Kiwi fruit is a little green sweet and tart fruit that grows on a long and winding vine. Of *all* the fruits, Kiwifruit has the most nutrients, especially vitamin C which helps heal wounds and fight serious diseases.
5. Kiwifruit is actually a berry. And all berries are packed with special nutrients called “phyto” nutrients. Just like it sounds, *phytonutrients* fight disease. Only plant foods have *phytonutrients*.



## Pear (fiber)

1. Our fruit *harvest of the month* is a juicy pear. The natural sugar in pears helps boost your energy, so you can play longer and win stronger.
2. Pears are an ideal snack - full of flavor and energy boosting natural sugars. And pears have the added bonus of having fiber, which helps move food through your body.
3. Our fruit *harvest of the month* is a delicious pear. Pears have fiber to help keep your body clean and healthy on the inside, important for fighting diseases. Only plants have fiber!
4. Around the world there are 3000 different kinds of pears! Pears are an excellent snack because they're low in calories to help you maintain a healthy weight.



## Tomato (phytonutrient, lycopene)

1. Our vegetable harvest of the month is a tomato, which is actually... *technically* a fruit, *because*... it has seeds inside. Tomatoes are a good source of vitamin A for healthy eyes and good vision.
2. The red color in a tomato tells us that it is rich in a nutrient called *lycopene*. Lycopene is a special nutrient called a *phyto-nutrient*. *Phytonutrients* - only found in plant foods - can help *fight* diseases (like cancer).

Tomato is continued on opposite side...