



Little Green Thumbs Program Celebrates 5th Year

PRESS RELEASE

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Agriculture in the Classroom NL would like to give a thumbs up to our Little Green Thumbs on their successful gardens this year. The school year is coming to a close and our 128 Little Green Thumbs classes in 65 schools have participated in their Harvest Celebrations. That's a total of over 2,900 Little Green Thumbs across Newfoundland and Labrador!

Students are visiting vegetable and dairy farms; hosting concerts for their parents, grandparents and special guests; having a harvest feast with their crops; attending grocery store tours to learn about nutrition and healthy eating; visiting greenhouses; and planting and sharing the gift of their gardens! Students have also had visits from special guests such as farmers, gardeners, chefs and beekeepers!

Congratulations to 33 of our Little Green Thumb classes that have successfully wiggled their way through their first year of vermicomposting. Newfoundland and Labrador schools now have thousands of very happy worms!

Little Green Thumbs would like to thank our partners that have made Harvest Celebrations special for our Little Green Thumbs! This program would not have blossomed without the dedication of partnerships, volunteers, and dedicated teachers and students! WAY TO GROW!

Agriculture in the Classroom wishes students a safe and fun summer! See you in the fall, we can't wait to start planting!

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We have a waitlist of schools for September 2017. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of a garden in a school, please feel free to contact us at Agriculture in the Classroom.

For background information and a list of participating schools for 2016-2017 please visited our website aitcnl.ca.

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