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Thanks to the generosity of the Walmart Foundation, Garden Bites, our nutrition and health curriculum for Learning Garden students, is back in schools across the country and our second year is already shaping up to be even bigger and better than the first! We are excited to be expanding the program into Indianapolis Public Schools this spring and we're proud to have launched a new online portal, giving Garden Bites teachers direct and easy access to the materials they need to be successful.

Fall sign up has just begun and already 52 teachers have registered to teach the curriculum for this semester in Colorado, Chicago, and Memphis!

Garden Bites teachers see their students enthusiastically embrace the curriculum and increase their understanding of real food. Anne Cuddy of Chicago told us, "The kids love the program and absolutely enjoy the food... Some kids tasted their first red bell pepper, their first tomato, or their first cucumber!"

We are so grateful for the support of the Walmart Foundation and for their shared vision in improving the health of students around the country!

[Read more about Garden Bites on our blog.](#)





"They're getting their hands dirty, they're planting, they're understanding."

When Cheryleta Cooney took over the Earle Stem Elementary Learning Garden, she set her sights on making it truly great, expanding the program to multiple grades and giving more students the opportunity to love and experience the garden. With her hard work, the Learning Garden has become a thriving space for community building and problem based learning - last year, students designed a plan to use their Learning Garden to give the community's elderly population access to fresh local produce.

The Learning Garden has resulted in a transformation in her student's everyday food choices, with kids opting more and more for real food in their cafeteria over typical school lunches. "Since the garden has been here, honestly I have seen more students eating the salad... that's their preference now. They don't want the school lunch."

This school year, Ms. Cooney is teaching at John J. Pershing Magnet School. With 146 Learning Garden schools in Chicago Public Schools, it may come as little surprise that Pershing has a Learning Garden as well and Ms. Cooney has already taken on the role of co-leader.

The TKC Team recently sat down with Ms. Cooney to talk about what she's seen and accomplished in the Learning Garden.

[Read the full interview on our blog here.](#)



This month, our friends at Cuvée generously donated a lavish vacation package to our Victory Garden Soiree event. Their generous contribution supports our Colorado 100 campaign, an initiative to double our presence and impact in Colorado schools by 2020.

Cuvée, a longtime friend and national partner to The Kitchen Community, is a travel and lifestyle brand with an international portfolio of exclusively owned and managed ultra-luxury properties. They have previously sponsored our Vintage Denver, City in a Garden, and Neverland Garden fundraisers, supporting our Colorado, Chicago, and National work, respectively. With their help, we have been able to take important strides towards ensuring that children across the country have the opportunity to learn, play, and grow in healthy communities.



They would like to make an ever bigger impact! When you reserve a vacation before December 30th for stays in 2018, Cuvée will donate 10 percent of the total back to The Kitchen Community! You can learn more about this offer [here](#).

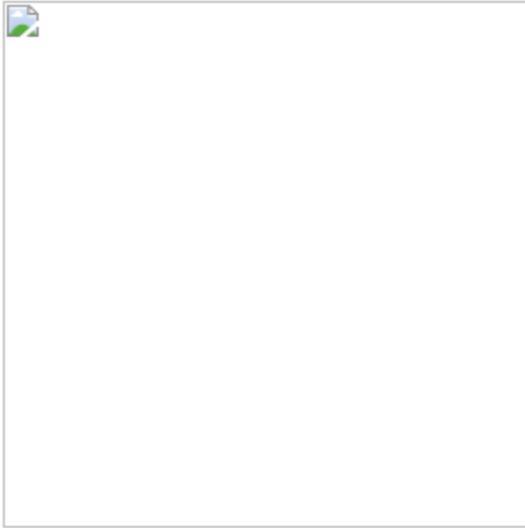
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Brussels sprouts, squash, cinnamon and more! Fall is here and so are some of our favorite seasonal flavors.

Whether your harvesting your own fall veggies (we recently harvested some butternut squash from our Home Office Learning Garden!) or grabbing fresh ingredients from the grocery store, now is a great time to look for your next favorite recipe.

The editors at Food & Wine magazine put together a list of delicious fall recipes we're dying to try. [Find something you'll love here.](#)



**Register Now:**

- **Indianapolis:** November 10, 2017. Join us for an intimate evening in celebration of our first year of bringing Learning Gardens to Indianapolis schools. Enjoy a special VIP cocktail hour,

a locally sourced menu, an engaging fireside chat with The Kitchen Community's co-founder and CEO Kimbal Musk, and the opportunity to get your hands dirty for a good cause! [Register here.](#)

**Save the Date:**

- **Indianapolis:** November 5, 2017. Join us for a storytelling event at this year's Spirit & Place, themed The Power of Food. The event will showcase seven people telling their personal story of the The Power of Food in front of a live audience in the historic Caleb Mills Auditorium. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Memphis:** February 9, 2018. The Memphis Garden Gala is back this year as "Garden Galaxy," so start planning for an evening that will be out of this world. More details to come.
- **Chicago:** May, 2018. Mark your calendars for the first weekend of May for an event to remember! More details to come.

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