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Announces the Educators Learning Circle

EarthDance's Educators Learning Circle will provide teachers, parents, school administrators, and other interested community members with a forum for exploring the intersection of education and the food movement. We will launch the Educators Learning Circle with a series of four programs beginning this spring.



Thursday March 10th 2011, 4- 7pm ~ Two Angry Moms Screening and Discussion. Frustrated by the neon green slushies, greasy fries, and jumbo cookies their kids' schools offered students at lunch, Amy Kalifa and Susan Rubin set out to find solutions to the status quo in the lunch line. Two Angry Moms shows not only on what is wrong with school food; it offers strategies for overcoming roadblocks and getting healthy, good tasting, real food into school cafeterias. **A healthy meal will be served. Location: St. Stephen's, 33 N Clay Ave, 63135.**



Thursday April 7th 2011, 4- 7pm -Grown In Detroit Screening and Discussion Grown in Detroit focuses on the urban gardening efforts managed by a public school of 300 mainly African-American, pregnant and parenting teenagers. As part of the curriculum, the girls are taught agricultural skills on the school's own farm located behind the school building. Taking care of animals, growing produce, and earning money to do so is helping to shape these girls into strong, independent and hopeful women. **A healthy meal will be served. Location: St. Stephen's, 33 N Clay Ave, 63135.**



Thursday, May 5th 2011 4-7pm ~ Field trip to visit New City School and Maplewood Richmond Heights Early Childhood Center. New City School educator Claire Reinbold is a 2010 EarthDance Apprenticeship Alum and co-leads their school gardening project and regularly integrates food-based curricula into her teaching. Seed to Table Director Debi Gibson is in her 5th year of guiding the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District's innovative gardening and nutrition education initiatives that span early childhood programs to middle schools. Educators Learning Circle members will have the opportunity to tour each site, and ask questions of program leaders. **A healthy snack will be provided.**



Thursday, June 9th 9:30 - 12pm ~ Field trip to visit Camp EarthDance a farm-to-table day camp for local middle schoolers, at a 14 acre urban farm in North St. Louis County. Camp EarthDance will include time on the farm, healthy cooking/ eating lessons, agriculture-related art projects, and fitness activities. Learning Circle members will have the opportunity to see youth agricultural education in action, speak to campers and the camp's organizers. Participants will also see the EarthDance Organic Farming Apprenticeship program in action, and evaluate the farm as a potential field trip site.

A healthy snack will be provided. Optional: Brown Bag Lunch Picnic afterward at nearby January Wabash

Park.

To register, go to:

<http://www.earthdancefarms.org/2011/02/learningcircle/>

1 credit hour of Professional Development is available to teachers who attend all four sessions.

You may register for all four sessions (\$40) or any individually (\$15 per session).