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GOVERNOR EVERS DECLARES MAY 20, 2021 WISCONSIN SCHOOL GARDEN DAY
Garden-based education provides unique opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic

[MADISON, WISCONSIN, May 13, 2021 --] By Governor's Proclamation, Governor Tony Evers is declaring May 20, 2021 the third annual Wisconsin School Garden Day.

The week of May 20, hundreds of Wisconsin educators, youth, and families will engage in garden-based activities in celebration of Wisconsin School Garden Day.

With more than 800 documented school garden sites across the state, Wisconsin is a national leader in garden-based education. Wisconsin School Garden Day honors the people and programs that bring gardens and gardening to Wisconsin youth.

"Gardens are a place where curricular education comes to life. During the COVID-19 pandemic, gardens and garden-based learning have continued to create opportunities for hands-on, in-person education," explains Wisconsin School Garden Network Communications Director, Renata Solan. "The day is a celebration of the incredible diversity we see in Wisconsin's garden-based education community. From high school farm programs to classroom plant projects, Wisconsin students and educators are constantly innovating and adapting to find new and creative ways to learn through gardening."

Along with hundreds of children celebrating Wisconsin School Garden Day, Alice in Dairyland of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), is traveling from Milwaukee to Woodruff to visit five school garden programs. In Madison, Rep. Francesca Hong will visit Woodland Montessori for a garden tour from the school's young learners and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes will visit Lake View Elementary School's garden.

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