

Plan Your Event

Apple Crunch is not a "one size fits all" event. Activities vary from school to school, group to group, and even state to state. The following ideas provide a number of exciting ways your organization can participate in the festivities!

Apple Crunch Celebration Ideas:

- **Bring celebrations to the classroom.** Organize a storybook reading of "Johnny Appleseed" and choose lessons that promote the importance of making healthy, easy snack choices.
- Host a cafeteria-wide crunch. Students and teachers can count down to take a bite of an apple.
- **Coordinate fun challenges and games to increase physical education.** Healthy choices include the decisions students make in eating and exercising. <u>Have fun with Apples</u>.
- **Partner with your local community organizations.** They are a great resource to provide apples and promote apple crunching activities.
- **Take a field trip.** A local orchard, farmer's market or grocer can provide a hands on experience to promote apples and apple products (applesauce, juice, and cider) as a healthy snack. <u>Find a local orchard.</u>
- **Create a recipe share of apple related snacks and drinks.** This is a great way to involve school administration, teachers, other staff, students and families. <u>Click here for recipe ideas.</u>

Apple Activities and Lessons:

- Pinterest Apple Worksheets
- Pinterest Apple Activities
- Pinterest Apple Artwork Ideas
- Apple Recipes
- <u>ChooseMyPlate</u>
- Pennsylvania Apples Pick Your Own
- PA Preferred
- Register for the PA Farm to School
 Newsletter
- Article: The Benefits of Fruit, Fun Serving Ideas + When They're In Season





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Resources

- <u>MyPlate.gov</u>
- Giant Guiding Stars
- Nourish middle school curriculum
- Action for Healthy Kids Healthy Parties
- Action for Healthy Kids Healthy Fundraising
- Garden resources
- School Garden Lesson Plans
- Garden to Cafeteria Toolkit
- Garden Grant Program
- How Host a Taste Test

