

The Pennsylvania Farm to School Network Success Story:

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

Erie County, PA



Teachers from the Ag Educator's Institute peel apples with a cast-iron apple peeler.

This past summer, as part of Erie County's St. James School's summer care program, teacher Kelley Damore spent a week discussing agriculture with her students in fifth through eighth grade.

Kelley attended the Pennsylvania Educator's Agriculture Institute this past June, where she learned several activities, including how to make butter by shaking heavy cream in a mason jar. Kelley adapted some of the activities she learned and, throughout the week, she and her students made homemade ice cream and applesauce.

They created their own virtual farms and played farmyard bingo. They even toured Kelley's family farm, Roadsprings Farm, in McKean Township of Erie County. "It is a working grain farm, growing corn and soybeans," Kelley says. The students were able to see the equipment and beef cows, tour the fields, and pick apples to make the applesauce."



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