

The Pennsylvania Farm to School Network Success Story:

# HAYDAY FARMS AT WELSH ELEMENTARY

Philadelphia County, PA



Hayday Farms brought farm-fresh produce to John Welsh Elementary School's Back to School Night this past September. The father and son duo, **Farmers Hank and Peter Whittenberg**, brought an abundance of fruits and vegetables that families purchased with Food Bucks, including Concord grapes, apples, sweet peppers, honeynut squash and several varieties of potatoes. The farm stand introduced students and their families to the partnership between Hayday Farms and Welsh Elementary, which is supported by The Food Trust.

In addition to the farm stand, Hank and Peter came to Welsh for the pilot of the "Farmer in the Classroom" program. They brought containers with peppers, pea shoots, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots for fifth-grade students to taste, as well as small pots of dirt and seeds for the children to plant at home. They taught students about what it means to be a farmer and where some of the common foods they eat come from.

"We thoroughly enjoyed having our farm stand for the children. It's great to see how excited they are to shop farm fresh fruits and vegetables."

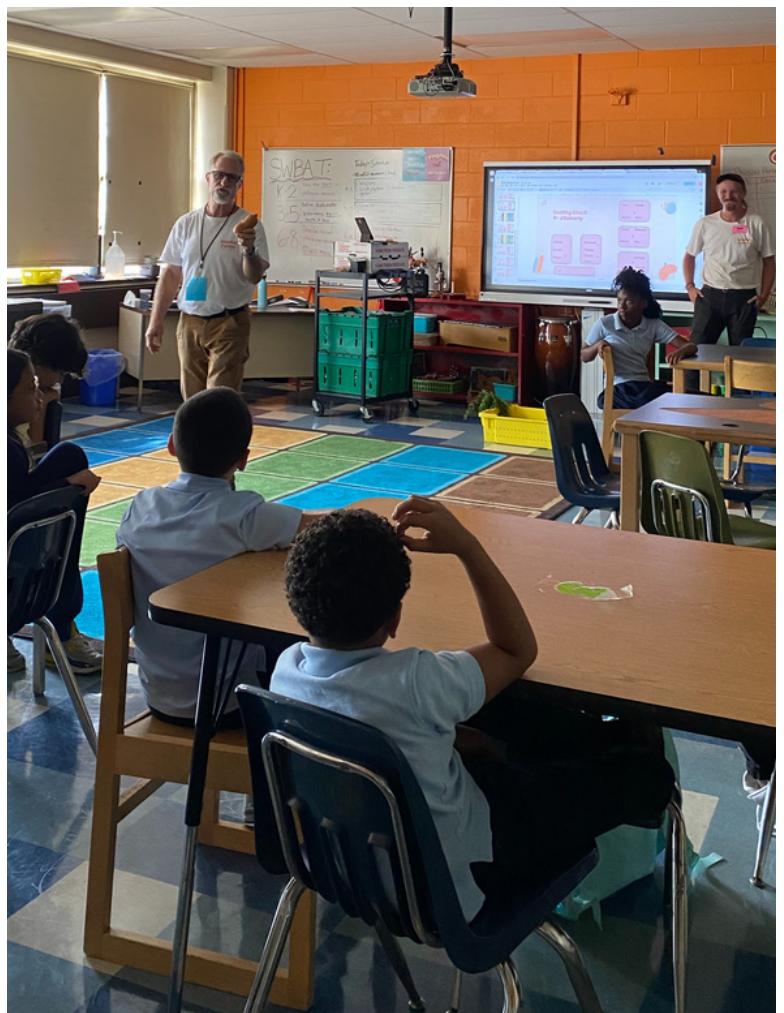
**- Hank Whittenberg,  
Hayday Farms Owner**







Hayday Farms sells produce at the seasonal 4th and Lehigh Farmers Market in Philadelphia, which is a few blocks away from Welsh Elementary. They also host a stand at the Northern Liberties Market and the year-round Headhouse Farmers Market in Philadelphia. Find their specialty garlic and much more at these farmers markets and on their website.



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