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The food web brought in a variety of vegetables, demonstrating to students that produce doesn't always come in the perfect shape or the same color, as seen in classic grocery stores.

## Food web brings local produce to local schools

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or the fourth year, the North Coast Food Web hosted Food Day at four elementary schools in Clatsop County — Seaside Heights, Cannon Beach Academy, Lewis and Clark and Warrenton. The food web brought dozens of locally-grown fruits and vegetables to the schools to educate students on where their food comes from and to encourage them to "eat the rainbow." The event included a Produce Petting Zoo that allowed students to touch and smell — but not lick or eat — produce that they're not typically used to seeing.



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Caitlin Seyfried quizzes students about their knowledge of vegetables and other produce at Lewis and Clark Elementary School on Wednesday.





LEFT: Fourth-graders Emiliano Jimenez Cruz, Tru Baca-Valero and Jagen Durham look at a piece of purple kale and other garden vegetables. Baca-Valero claimed he'd had kale before and was not a fan. RIGHT: Keira Verity carefully inspects a knobby fingerling potato during the Produce Petting Zoo.



Joyce Senior gives Sam Mather a pencil and a fresh pear from the Astoria Co+op as souvenirs.