

Dear Larchmont Families:

One of the centerpieces of our Larchmont community is the healthy lunch program provided by our very own Edible Schoolyard Team. Last week, we were fortunate to have a visit from the creator of the Edible Schoolyard (ESY) program, Alice Waters.



The founder of Chez Panisse Restaurant and Café in Berkeley, Ms. Waters has championed local, organic farms for more than forty years. After helping to change the American food landscape, she introduced her ideas into the public schools with the

(Photo: Alice Waters, the ESY Team, Mersedeh Emrani)

Edible Schoolyard, a program that involves students in all aspects of growing, cooking, and sharing food at the table.

Over the years Ms. Waters has worked with our team to ensure our ESY program mirrors the success of so many she has helped establish around the country. As always, Ms. Waters provided terrific inspiration in our continued effort to help ensure LCS students are offered healthy meals every day with ingredients from local sustainable farmers and providers



(Photo: Hugo Silva, Alice Waters, Jose Olvera, Oscar Agodjian)

While she was here, Ms. Waters visited with the Fairfax campus kitchen staff and got an update from the entire team. She was also able to sit in on one of the focus groups the ESY team is currently conducting to learn more about the students views on their lunch program.



As parents, you know how hard it is can be to get your kids to eat new and healthy foods. During her visit, Ms. Waters reinforced how important it is that the community as a whole supports the goals of ESY. Together we can help our children establish healthy eating habits early on which will be an asset to them throughout their lives.

(Photo: Alice Waters and fans from Whitney Cronin's Third Grade Class)

It was a a great day and we're humbled that Ms. Waters took the time to come and visit our team and school and share ways we can make our program even better.

As always, if you have any questions about the Edible Schoolyard program you can email margueritamees@larchmontcharter.com.