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# Bellingham students sample Washington state's bounty



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Homemade three-bean chili, fresh cornbread and cole slaw made a tasty lunch menu at Alderwood Elementary School on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

What made it special? The lunch option for students in the Bellingham School District showcased local, fresh food not necessarily seen in a standard school lunch. Contributors included Cloud Mountain Farm in Everson, Avenue Bread in Bellingham and Ralph's Greenhouse in Mount Vernon.

The menu celebrated Taste Washington Day, an event organized by the state's Department of Agriculture and School Nutrition Association. Districts across the state could voluntarily change their lunch menu for a day to include items grown and produced in Washington, with the goal of improving the "farm to school" connection.



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