

## BFA Compost

### Bellows Free Academy Begins Composting

The District is proud to announce the beginning of a school wide composting program at Bellows Free Academy (BFA) in St. Albans. Starting September 8, food scraps from the cafeteria and kitchen at BFA will be diverted from the landfill to the Hudak Farm in Swanton where they will be composted and turned into rich soil used to grow more fresh food. The first week of the school year saw staff from the Highfields institute and NWSWD training BFA Students and Staff.

Students will now be separating food waste from trash in the cafeteria. Student monitors will be reminding folks who forget to separate and preventing the food scraps from getting contaminated with PLU stickers, silverware, and other trash. Meanwhile kitchen staff will be composting food waste generated while preparing meals.

This marks the first phase of the NWSWD's "Close the Loop" composting project. The NWSWD has been working in partnership with The Highfields Institute and Hudak's farm to start a regional composting system to divert food scraps from the landfill. The next phase of this program will involve diverting food scraps from local restaurants and grocery stores. To find out more about this program contact John at 524-5986 or [coordinator@nswsd.org](mailto:coordinator@nswsd.org) and to read a recent article about BFA's composting program in the St. Albans Messenger [click here](#).