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Millstone Creek Orchards and Partnership for Children team up to support NC Crunch Day

Early educators in Randolph County to celebrate with apples on Oct. 20

ASHEBORO, N.C. (October 13, 2021) — For the second year in a row, Millstone Creek Orchards will donate apples for Randolph Partnership for Children's (RPC) support of NC Crunch Day activities at area child care centers. The collaboration illustrates the true spirit and heart of the annual health and wellness event.

NC Crunch Day is a yearly celebration during which schools, child care centers, and other organizations crunch a locally grown apple at noon on the same day. This year, that day is October 20. The celebration is held in observance of National Farm to School Month.

According to GrowingMinds.org, "Across North Carolina, kids and adults will be crunching an apple grown on a local farm in October. In addition to commemorating National Farm to School and Early Care and Education Month, this annual event, co-sponsored by the NC Farm to Preschool Network and the Farm to School Coalition of NC, celebrates North Carolina agriculture, local farmers and farm workers, and nutrition."

RPC will deliver apples from Millstone Creek Orchard to 26 centers that plan to participate this year.

"We encourage everyone to pick up an apple at noon on October 20 and crunch along with us," Early Childhood Health & Wellness Specialist Patty Sullivan said.

This collective crunch encourages healthy eating and supports farm to school (which includes farm to child care) and local food initiatives throughout the state of North Carolina.

For more information about the North Carolina Crunch, visit <https://growing-minds.org/north-carolina-crunch/>.

For more information, or to crunch with us, please contact Patty Sullivan at 336-629-2128.



RPC staff members pose prepared to crunch! Pictured back row from left: Patty Sullivan, Kim Radcliffe, Lisa Hayworth, Dacia Sands, Sara Stephenson, Scarlet Welborn, Kendra Wallace, Micki Bare. Pictured kneeling from left: Andee Edelson, Kristy Umfleet.

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About the Randolph Partnership for Children: Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has positively impacted the lives of Randolph County's young children. As the community's lead organization for young children and their families, RPC works with and through diverse agencies, individuals, organizations, and communities to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed in school and life. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

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