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#### THE HEALTHY VEGETARIAN SCHOOL LUNCH ACT Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 16, abridged CA State legislature - PASSED 2003 Sponsored by Lean and Green Kids

WHEREAS, A significant percentage of children who rely on free or reduced price school lunches are considered "at risk" for diet-related degenerative diseases; and

WHEREAS, Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes ... provide additional protection to reduce the risk of some forms of cancer, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and other degenerative diseases; and

WHEREAS, A growing number of California school children either identify themselves as vegetarian or vegan, come from vegetarian or vegan families, or come from families who avoid meat and dairy foods for religious or health reasons; and

WHEREAS, Exposure of plant-centered entrees in the school cafeteria will positively influence children with poor eating habits; and

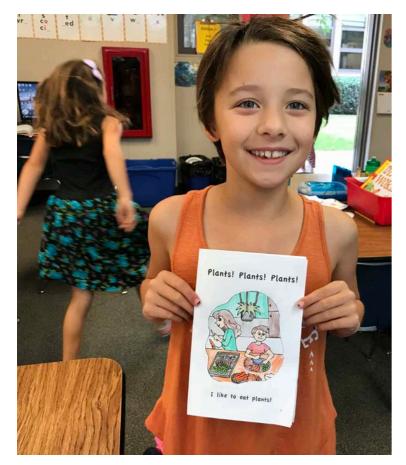
WHEREAS, Increased consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables promotes a sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, The USDA 1995 School Meals Initiative suggests that school lunch programs, in order to provide variety and encourage consumption and participation should, whenever possible, offer a selection of menu items and foods from which pupils may make choices; now, therefore, be it

#### Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, Senate thereof concurring,

That the State Departments of Education and Health Services are urged to develop nutritionally sound school lunch menu plans that would provide *daily optional plant-centered vegetarian school lunches*, prepared without meat or dairy products, in such a way that all pupils are assured nutritionally balanced diets, regardless of their food preferences and avoidances... and be it further

*Resolved*, That nutrition educational materials and instruction strive to recognize and include information about multicultural eating patterns including vegetarian/vegan eating patterns.





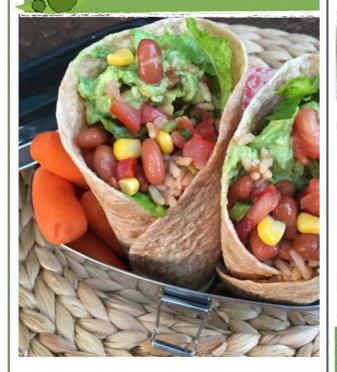












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Daily Scoop connection, September. Colorful p





## PLANT PO

...*real* food for a strong body, shar



Daily Scoop connection, October. Pumpkin, Pear, 1

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#### **Give THANKS to MOTHER EARTH,** for delicious & nutritious plants!



1. Kidney beans are shaped like your ...?



and squash help your ...?



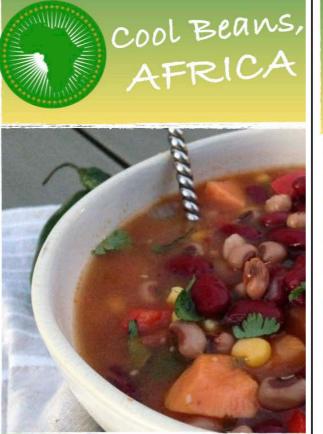
3. REAL food grows from the ...?

Daily Scoop connection, November. Winter squash, persimmon, kidney bean

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## Healthy Pla the gift you give



December. Apples, leafy greens, garbanzo beans.



Daily Scoop connection, January. Sweet potato, citr









### Beautiful Food brought to you from plants!





#### Daily Scoop Nutrition Trivia

Beets grow underground, so they are a \_\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable.
What fruit was a raisin, before it was dried?
Tofu is made from what kind of bean?

February. Soy bean, dried fruit, beets



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## Cool Beans the lean § green PROTEIN



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**Daily Scoop** Nutrition Trivia



Bean Protein. What kind of bean in the burrito?

#### LIVE. LOVE. EAT PLANTS.

Fruits

Vegetables Whole-Grains Seeds Beans



Carrot. Type of veggie?



Avocado. Why good fat?

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**Plant Food** ....so you ca



**Daily Scoop Nutri** 1. Three kinds of leafy greens?

Daily Scoop connection, March. Spinach, be



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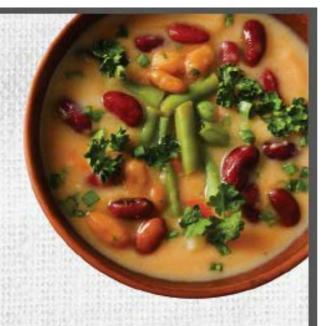
**Plant-based meals conserve** 

Daily Scoop connection, April. Beans around the wo





Daily Scoop connection, May. Avocado, carrots, pinto bean



# Good for you and the planet too!

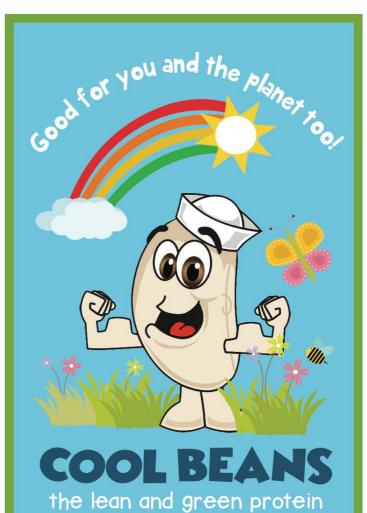
## beans the lean and green protein

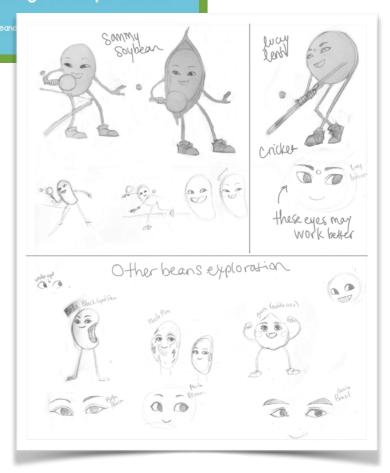
✓ Lean plant-protein, for strong muscles & a healthy body Green plant-protein conserves energy, water & wildlife

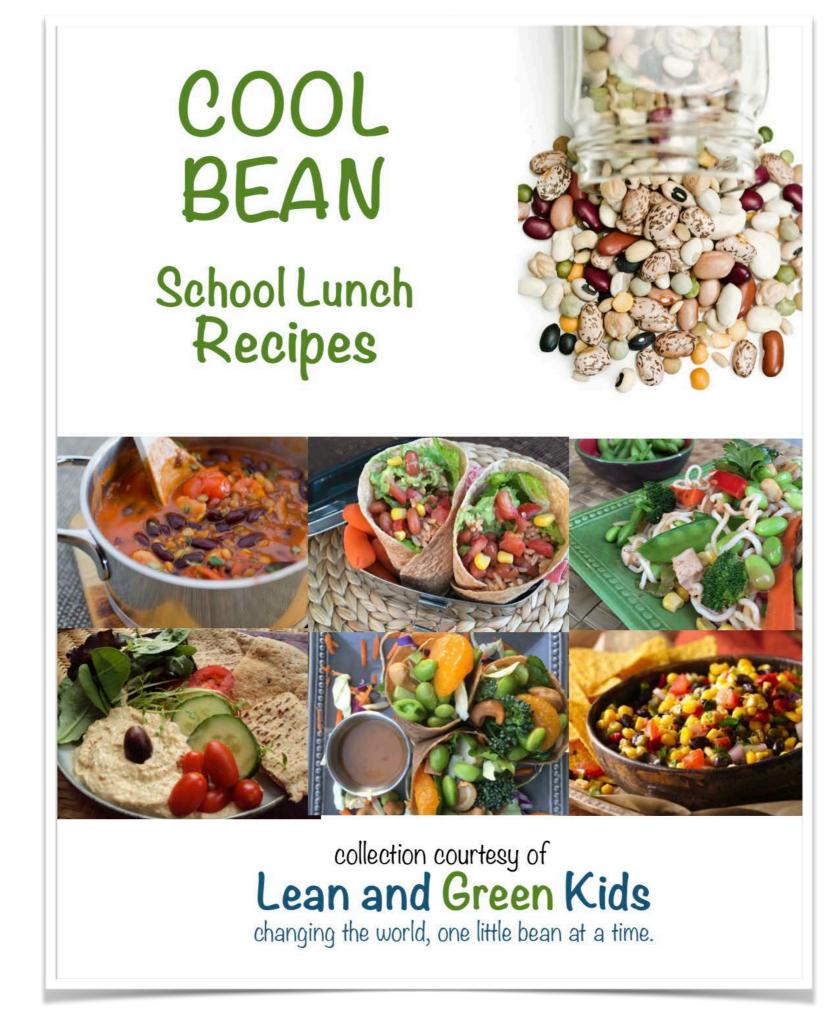




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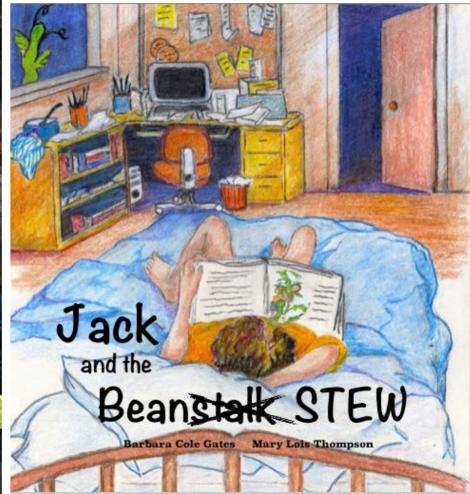






#### Eating Lean & Gree with Super Foods to Save the Planet!

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