



As the school year comes to a close, Chartwells is proud to reflect on a year filled with culinary exploration, nutrition education, and sustainability initiatives.

Students across the district participated in Discovery Kitchen tastings featuring recipes such as berry lemon overnight oats, roasted plantains, corn & pineapple salsa and crispy mushroom chips. At Newton North and Newton South High Schools, students helped shape future menus through Vegetarian Student Choice events, sampling plant-based recipes and voting for their favorites.



Food Services partnered with the Newton DPW to successfully implement weekly food scrap collection at every school, helping divert waste from landfills. and promote a more sustainable community. Newton Food Services was also proud to participate in Newton South's Earth Day celebration, sharing samples of housemade red kidney bean hummus with recipe cards.



At the elementary level, the Mood Boost program engaged students at Pierce, Underwood, Mason Rice, and Ward Schools through tastings, discussions, and activities that made learning about healthy habits both fun and memorable.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, and community partners for another wonderful year.

**We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy summer!**



# MOOD BOOST

came to a close at  
Franklin Elementary School!



During the final week of Mood Boost, students met the Smart Monster and sampled red kidney bean hummus.

Throughout the program, students explored healthy habits, learned how nutritious foods support well-being, and enthusiastically shared ideas and asked questions. Mood Boost made nutrition education both fun and memorable.

