The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a USDA grant funded program. The goals of the FFVP are to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increase children’s fruit and vegetable consumption and make a difference in children’s diets to impact their present and future health.

Schools must apply annually to be considered for participation. The requirements and criteria for selection include: Be an elementary school, Participate in the National School Lunch Program, Represent the highest percentage of students certified for free and reduced-price meal benefits.

Trent Elementary has qualified and been a recipient of the FFVP for several years now. We have witnessed firsthand as the students who were exposed to the additional fresh fruit and vegetables entered middle school, and then high school, that their consumption continued and they ate more produce than the students who went to our other elementary schools.

In season produce is served 3 days a week to all of the PK - 6th grade students’ at Trent Elementary as a mid-morning snack. The children are given “Fun Facts for Kids” literature on what they are eating and are asked for their input on the various fruits and vegetables they are trying. The students’ are also taught comparisons and differences between like items and take part in “Taste Tests”. Some of the fruits and vegetables that have been compared are; Apples - Golden Delicious vs Granny Smith vs Fuji and Peas - Snap vs Snow.

So far this year Trent Elementary has served: Broccolini, Persimmons, Kumquats, Pomegranates and Turnips, just to name a few items.

This is a wonderful experience for our Trent Elementary students.