

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

October 23, 2012

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Pumpkin patch events continue this week for Tulare County schools**

**October 22-31, 2012**

**WHAT:** The Tulare County Office of Education's *Network for a Healthy California* program will be holding pumpkin patch events at numerous Tulare County school sites beginning this week.

**Over 17,000 pumpkins** are being delivered for the educational events. Students will have the opportunity to taste-test pumpkin seeds and enjoy a game to test their knowledge of winter squash. Students will also select their own pumpkins, learn nutritional facts about them and play games for physical activity. At the conclusion of their visit, participants take their pumpkins back to the classroom for further lessons and then on a careful trip home.

### **WHO:**

17,000 general and special education students at school sites throughout Tulare County.

### **WHEN:**

Pumpkin patches open at school sites at approximately 8:30 a.m. on the dates listed below. Students rotate through the patch until all classrooms have been served.

### **WHERE:**

October 22, 2012

#### **Pumpkin Patch**

Monte Vista Elementary School, Porterville  
Roche Avenue Elementary School, Porterville  
Olive Street Elementary School, Porterville  
Westfield Elementary School, Porterville  
Los Robles Elementary School, Porterville

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#### **Pumpkin Patch**

Cutler-Orosi Jt. Unified School District  
Yetttem Learning Center, Yetttem  
Maple Learning Center, Tulare

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October 24, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Woodlake Unified School District  
Visalia Special Services

October 25, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Belleview Elementary School, Porterville  
Santa Fe Elementary School, Porterville  
Vandalia Elementary School, Porterville  
John J. Doyle Elementary School, Porterville  
L.B. Hill Learning Center, Porterville  
West Putnam Elementary School, Porterville

October 26, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Exeter Public Schools  
Farmersville Special Services

October 29, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Kings River Union Elementary School, Kingsburg

October 30, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Dinuba Unified School District  
Dinuba CBI Special Services

October 31, 2012

**Pumpkin Patch**

Alta Vista Elementary School, Porterville  
Sunnyside Union Elementary School, Strathmore

**VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Photo and Video:**

Students engaged in a variety of nutritional learning experiences.

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT:**

For more information, contact *Network* Program Coordinator Nani Rowland at (559) 651-0130.

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