

Garden Notes Oct. 17, 2012:

1. Sarah Drew created a Willagillespie's garden website. It has a wish list, the garden plan drawn by Sandra Corbin's husband, pictures of Joyce Cedarlund's class planting garlic, garden meeting notes, links to resources, and a donor recognition page. She will coordinate with Ken Beal to link the garden website to our school's website.
2. A tool shed has been delivered. Ron Feist has a group of parent volunteers to assemble the shed in the next week or so.
3. Jenny Laxton from the School Garden Project shared many tips for a successful school garden.
4. We will need to assign garden beds for those classes who are interested this year to start a garden. As soon as teachers know what they want their students to plant, we will e-mail Jenny in the spring for plant starts. Right now the School Garden Project only has seeds.
5. Jenny suggested these garden tools to start off:
about 15 trowels, 30 pairs of small adult size garden gloves (Sandra recommended Nitrile garden gloves for durability/Jenny said children size gloves are better for kinders and first graders), 5 shovels, 2 loppers, 2 regular size rakes, 3 hand pruners

1. We still need to confirm our water source. When we have it installed, Jenny said there's a big difference between those gardens that are watered by hand and those gardens using a timer. The frequent watering needs to be done after the spring planting through the summer months.
2. The School Garden Project has free lessons on the website to share and they have sessions for about \$20 each session. They are booked this year but we can sign up in the spring.
3. We need to have a mission statement for our garden project.
4. We need to establish a work party that will meet at least three times a year (fall, winter, spring).
5. We can start a garden camp during the summer through Sheldon Community Center.
6. Janet Manry informed us that the school would be reimbursed for produce we grow and use in the cafeteria.
7. Janet is still willing to compost the kitchen scraps.
8. We still need ideas to keep the gravel from being kicked onto the grass and to install a friendly fence around the garden beds. Jenny suggested digging a narrow trench and pouring concrete or placing wooden beams as Janet suggested. We could place stumps with planks nailed on the stumps for benches around the garden.
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Who is interested to have a garden bed for their students this school year?

Who is interested but not this school year?

What plants do you need?

Do you want to paint murals designed by students on the tool shed? Seasons? Flowers? Leaves?

Do you want to have the School Garden Project come and teach a session?

What is our mission statement for the garden project?

Does anyone know of a business or community organization that would like to partner up with our school to sponsor our garden project?

Next Garden Meeting 28 November 3:00

1. Planting a cover crop-clovers? When?
2. Recruiting a community organization(s)
3. Establishing a work party to meet three times a year
4. Creating a summer maintenance schedule