

## Garden Update

Feb. 20, 2013

### Agenda:

1. Rain barrels ~Thanks to Rick Baker and Ron Feist we have four rain barrels and a water pump installed this past Monday Feb. 18. Today the gutters were attached to the roof of the tool shed. Now the barrels are collecting rain water. Ron provided a diagram of the rain barrel system. He also included a mathematical computational chart about the amount of rain that can be collected in relation to the surface of the roof. He will also write an EWEB grant.
2. Work party ~ Thanks to Sandra Corbin and the Eaglets- the inside courtyard is being weeded. If you have students who would like to help out during their lunch recess or recess, please contact her. We are considering an after school garden club.
3. Year Long Maintenance Plan ~ We would like to invite families and staff to sign up for a week to help maintain the garden throughout the year.
4. Garden Guidelines ~ There is a list of “rules” compiled from the School Garden Project. It will be posted in the staff room (eventually on the Garden Bulletin Board in the lobby) and inside the tool shed door. Also inside the tool shed there will be a map of the garden with the names of plants and the numbered garden beds.
5. Labeling Garden Beds ~ On Activity Day there will be a station where students can decorate and number a plaque that will be nailed to each garden bed.
6. Coin Drive ~ We were inspired by Larry Whittlesey’s coin drive and wondered if we could try collecting coins for our school’s garden. We also considered placing containers decorated by our students “For Willagillespie’s School Garden Project” at local businesses.
7. Furnishing the tool shed to organize garden curriculum, seeds, and tools ~ Rick will move a filing cabinet and a bookcase into the toolshed.

Next garden meeting will be on March 6.

### Agenda:

1. Construction of compost bins
2. Joyce will contact Jenny Laxton for seeds
3. Opening ceremony for our school garden
4. Organizing work parties