

Garden Meeting Notes Mar. 6, 2013:

Rick's Garden Tips:

- Plant four seeds in one spot. Keep one sprout and pull the rest out.
- Use 5-10-10 tomato and garden fertilizer from BiMart.
- Fertilize once a month.
- Plant potatoes and peas before spring break.
- Can use straw to hill potatoes.

1. Joyce will check with the 3rd/4th grade teachers to see if they will be using the garden beds.

If all the beds are in use, we can till some areas around the beds for the students in Life Skills.

2. Flora will ask the members of her church for a pathway to the garden. Our first choice is a concrete pathway, second choice is a gravel pathway, and third choice is a black rubber pathway.
3. Rick will build a 6 x 6 compost bin (\$100). The black compost bin in the courtyard will be moved to the garden to hold the weeds.
4. There will be a sign-up sheet during Science Night for families to sign up to help in the garden during the summer break. Karen suggested a station where families can plant a seed in a pot to take home. We will need soil and planters.
5. Joyce will invite an after school/summer program across the street to maintain the garden during the summer if we don't have responses from the families around the school.
6. Rick will shop around for materials to build a cedar split rail fencing for the Marion berries. Ron found one on Craig's List for \$200.
7. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the garden is suggested for April 22nd. Ron will ask Jenny Laxton to share curriculum ideas (5 to 10 minutes). The event will be toward the end of the day with three groups: K/1, 2/3 (Life Skills), and 4/5 grades. Garden guidelines will need to be addressed and there will be a brief tour of the garden. Ron suggested a banner "Let's Get Growing!"
8. Update Garden Website "Thank you page."
9. Sandra Corbin will be the Garden Coordinator for April. Rick and Wanda will continue in May.
10. Work parties are scheduled for March 16th, April 13th, and May 18th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!

Next garden meetings are:

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th