

## Garden Notes from Apr. 3, 2013:

1. Next work party will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Tasks will be: digging up the sod for the pumpkin patch, repainting the signs for the Hope Garden plants, and weeding. Ron and Rick will haul soil from the Court House garden.
2. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. We can discuss the details at our next staff meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2:15 Students will assemble on the black top.
  - 2:20 Stella will speak for a few minutes about the garden. Then John Moriarty, the executive director from the School Garden Project, will also talk a few minutes.
  - 2:30 Jessica O'Shea's class will provide music in the garden.
  - Stella, John Moriarty, and students representing each grade level will proceed to cut the ribbon and lead the students around the garden.
  - The students will parade single file from the black top zig-zag around the garden beds and back to their classrooms as the ribbon cutting is taking place.
3. Summer maintenance will be coordinated with Fidgets to Widgets at the May meeting. Joyce will contact a representative from Fidgets to Widgets. We will also invite families from Abbie Lane to the garden over the summer.
4. We will need to establish a definite schedule for the summer that includes watering the cherry trees, marionberry bushes, blueberry bushes, and other plants outside the beds.
5. Ron will check with the School Garden Project about their curriculum for next year. They will come to Willagillespie and teach a set of lessons. We will need to know which grade levels are interested in participating.
6. We still need a water source. For now we have the rain barrels and when there isn't much rain Rick connects five hoses to top off the barrels.
7. Reminder that the garden is just another resource for a fun learning experience. The garden is for everyone with or without garden beds.

Thank you to Alice Lin for donating sets of pruners!

Next garden meeting will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Agenda:

1. Establish summer maintenance program with Fidgets to Widgets.
2. Plan a summer garden party to raise funds for the garden for next year.

