

Our <u>SUMMER Gardening Schedule</u> is every Wednesdays from 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Apex Elementary School Garden: Teaching and Learning Through Community.

The mission of Apex Elementary School Garden is to provide experiential academic and character education using engaged curriculum in science, math, ELA, and emotional intelligence for all grade level. Our garden will strengthen our community and provide opportunities for service hours for all students.

Our vision is to encourage greater personal responsibility and citizenship by increasing healthy choices for the individual and the environment at large. Our long term goals is to have a self-sustaining garden that teaches life skills and self-sufficiency. In addition, we hope to reduce waste by composting, and employing smarter recycling/reducing practices for the whole campus.

Please contact Ms. Magarino-Gomez at wmagarino-gomez@wcpss.net with any questions.

The many ways you can help:

- Donate time to work in the garden.
- Sign up for a watering day on our <u>summer schedule</u>.
- Gift cards to Lowes or Home Depot
- Sign up for composting services at your home(<u>CompostNow.org</u>) and donate some of your accrued compost to our garden. (This is a great move. Don't ever feel guilty about using paper plates again! They can be composted.)
- Contact potential sponsors, i.e. landscapers, or home improvement stores, and nurseries for donations and consultation.
- Build a couple of benches for the .garden

Donate an item from our wish list:

- Organic Soil for growing vegetables
- Rakes (Child sized)
- Shovels (Child sized)
- Outdoor broom
- Pickaxe (for adult use only)
- 1 Rain barrel
- Tool shed
- Plants, seeds- 1. Vegetables and fruits: spinach, eggplant, snap peas, green beans, spinach, strawberries, blueberries, asparagus, tomatoes, grapes, raspberries, cucumbers, lettuce, potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, and pumpkin, black berries.2. Herbs: Ginseng, Rosemary, Oregano, Watercress, Fennel, Dill, Basil.
 - 3. Foliage Plants: variegated hostas
- 4. Flowering vines such as: (Coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), Passionflower (*Passiflora* spp.), Carolina jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*), American wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*), Daisies, Marigolds,