

As this week is spring break week, we have little to report with regards to student – garden activities. With there being no in-school classes, the gardens remain attended by the volunteers and on Saturday, the onions (orchard and annex) were fertilized. Some maintenance was attended to around the herb beds as well. The gardens look splendid, with a lot of new growth and the tomatoes look strong and vibrant. The sugar snap peas that were planted after the cold snap are up and looking good hopefully they will have enough time to give the students a couple of pickings but still a longish way to go to reach that goal. There are many new strawberry plants in the main garden area and many have nice looking “green” berries already. The potatoes are looking the most impressive as they have sprung forth in the matter of a week and a half to requiring hilling, which was done last week’s classes.

Last week we planted a number of cucumber and summer squash. As you may remember cucurbitaceae are special as they flower by producing both male and female flowers. This means that pollinators play a very bit role in their success toward producing fruit. Yes, I said fruit but are they vegetables as well???? See if you can answer this question, if not ask someone about it!

When you are out in the garden next, please take a moment to look at your potatoes.

Did you resolve why some plants can be hilled and others not?

Due to STAAR testing exercises, we expect to meet next on April 1st (Thursday). We look forward to seeing you all.