

As this week is spring break week, we have little to report with regards – garden activities. With there being no in-school classes, the gardens remain attended by the volunteers and on Saturday, on Friday, we participated in the Microlife promotion in support of organic gardening. The gardens look splendid, with a lot of new growth and the tomatoes look strong and vibrant. 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. As the weather has been coolish growth is slower in the gardens at this time of year. This can be seen with the sugar snap peas, they look good but aren’t progressing as fast as we would like.

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 big role in their success toward producing fruit. Yes, I said fruit but are they vegetables as well???? as you will hear in this week’s lesson. 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?

Our schedule has been revised and , we expect to meet this week March 25, and again on April 1st (Thursdays). We look forward to seeing you all then. This week’s lesson is on Tomatoes - maybe you will learn why we call tomatoes vegetables while botanists call them fruit!