

As of this Saturday we have harvested over 4536 pounds of produce for the 2019-2020 year. The grapes are still producing as are the figs. The yard long beans, a reliable summer crop, continue to be consistent producers at 3-4 pounds of beans each picking which means close to 12 pounds a week. We have removed all the cucumber plants and a lot of the tomato plants at this point. These beds are being rested in anticipation of planting our fall garden which we should start to plant for the fall semester September.

Canning continues on a less hectic scale and we are now ready to start offering the canned goods to the teachers, volunteers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, and the community at large. An order sheet with description of the canned goods has been prepared and will be attached to this newsletter for anyone who would like to order some of these goods, please see the attached documents to find out how to order and where/when to pick up your orders. The monies raised through the canned goods donations are vital to the continued success of our non-profit gardening organization by helping us to provide a website, seeds, plants, fertilizers, and garden tools/supplies.

It appears that in-school attendance has been delayed until September which will probably mean that our lessons plans will also be shifted to accommodate the new schedule. In past years, we had not begun the gardening program until approximately a month had passed from the beginning of school year to allow for class schedules being finalized. The current schedule for this year was set up similarly with school actually starting earlier early/mid-August (8/11). We were to start our program September 3<sup>rd</sup>. While we are well along with having our power point lessons prepared (only one lesson left to arrange), we will still need to proceed with planting our fall garden so that there will be produce for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to take home. We will likely start planting around the end of August into September through October when the heat has let up with leafy greens and root crops. The sweet potatoes should be ready to harvest in October.

Can I interest anyone in signing up for the Cole Crops lesson?

This week Eric, Annette, Elaine, and Phyllis are scheduled for Tuesday 7/28 (8AM)

Eric, Phyllis, and Annette are scheduled for Thursday 7/30 (8AM)

Hal, Eric, and Denton are scheduled for Saturday 8/1 (9AM).

As per usual, if you can't make it please just let Hal or Denton know.

Thank you and please stay safe!

**Lesson Schedule 20-21**

August	----	volunteer refresher	
September	3	Orientation (all classes)	Denton
	10 & 17	Compost 9, 10	Hal
Sept/Oct	24 & 1	Plant Seeds 13	Kristi
October	15 & 22	Cole Crops 19	
Oct/Nov	29 & 5	Root Crops 17,18	Phyllis
November	12 & 19	Potatoes 22	Denton
December	3 & 10	Leafy Greens 16	Eric
Dec/Jan	17 & 7	Cucumbers & Squash 25	Denton
January 2021	14 & 21	Onions 21	Kristi
Jan / Feb	28 & 4	Soils 11	Denton
February	18	Arbor Day	Judy
Feb/Mar	25 & 4	Pollination 31, 32	Gudrun
March	11 & 25	Tomatoes, Peppers 23, 24	Eric
April	1 & 22	Insects and pest mgm't 35, 36	Gudrun
Apr/May	29 & 27	Harvest Fest	everyone