

This month marks the beginning of the new school academic year, it appears students are now officially going to start August 11th, pending further last minute revisions. As to how school starts up is still in question. That said, we have a number of things that need to be in place to support the school's opening such as completion of the early power point lessons, and volunteer training (expected a week or so before in-school starts) we will keep everyone informed. Also when finalized, we will need to post our garden manual on the website. If you haven't completed the on-line security check, please do so. To start the year anew, I will be removing a number of items from the last year's website such as most 2019-2020 pictures except the most recent. I have reorganized the website a bit moving the 'our story' and 'conservation' submenus under the 'home page' dropdown menu. Also I have moved 'Arbor Day' under the '5th grade program' dropdown menu. The contents of each of these submenus have not been changed. While placing them somewhat out of sight does them a disservice, there is not enough room to highlight all the positives of the program across one banner. When you next view the website, please let me know how you feel about it. This is our website and I want us all to be supportive of how it conveys our message! As an aside, Anne, has taken some pictures of our gardens and volunteers that I added to the pictures in "The Gardens during COV-19 Intermission" directly under the 5th grade program, please take a look and comments welcome. I thought the sweet potato vegetation was impressive!

As for the gardens, we have harvested over 4600 pounds of veggies and fruit this year and that's a testament to all the hard work provided by the OFE volunteers. A special THANKS to all of you that have contributed to this effort throughout this year!!

While canning is not completed, the store is open "so to speak". We have put the 'produce inventory' on the website with a downloadable order form for all to use to place their orders. The inventory will be updated regularly. It's important to make your orders known early as there are a number of items that are in short supply, so first come first serve. Please let those you know that are interested in getting some of these items know so they won't be disappointed.

Also Kristi has offered to make printed OFE shirts for those that want them. The shirt is to be provided by yourself which means it will be the right size. Bring in your shirt with a name tag (to eliminate any mix up) along with the desired color of the design/print (see below).



Our summer schedule concludes with the weekend of Aug 8th. So for the week of Aug 4th (Tuesday) and Aug 6th (Thursday), we have: Denton, Eric, Phyllis, Annette, and Elaine (Tues only) at 8 AM and Saturday Aug 8th Denton and Hal at 9 AM. Please let one of us know if you aren't able to make it.

Thank you and be safe,