

OFE Growers Newsletter for the week of 12.2.2021

Hopefully everyone has had a recuperative and very enjoyable Thanksgiving recess! We are looking forward to getting back to harvesting and planting in our gardens. This week we will be finishing our discussion on leafy greens.

The lettuce that has been planted in the cinder block holes is coming along very nicely and we will soon be harvesting lettuce leaves. The carrots that were planted earlier are looking very good and could be ready to harvest by the mid-December or maybe earlier. Can you think how we might check on them to see when they are ready to harvest? The garden radishes are also doing very well and while some need to be thinned some need to be harvested. How can you tell when a radish is ready to harvest? Do you think it is similar to checking on the carrots?

Also we need to continue to mulch the past years' Arbor Day trees. Some have been done and look really sharp as well they now have a slow release supply of nutrients the result of the mulch decomposing into compost.

Finally, the gardens are still in the need of clean mulch. Grass clippings and leaves can be dropped off at the back of the East parking lot by the large tree near the gated soccer fields (along the black fence). There is a sign there to help locate the spot. If you don't want your grass clippings or fall leaves OFE Gardens would be happy to take them to use as mulch and raw materials for compost to be used in our school gardens. Please consider dropping them off if you can.

Thanks and have a safe and enjoyable week,

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