



Here is a little update on what has been happening in the garden:

Work Days

- If you and your family are interested in helping out with prepping beds and garden upkeep, please send an email to woodviewpto@gmail.com and also watch the Volunteer! page of the PTO website (www.woodviewpto.com) where we will be posting SignUp Geniuses to share the workload.

Curriculum Links

- The 1st Grade Parsley and 2nd Grade Salad Seedlings are ready to head out into our makeshift 'cold frame' by the raised beds. Created from bales of straw and a clear plastic tarp, the cold frame is readying the seedlings for being planted outside which will take place the week of May 11th.
- During their lesson on prairie plants, 4th Graders voted to plant Red Milkweed, New England Asters, and Butterflyweed in a new area by the Outdoor Classroom.

Garden Club

- Our first round of the Garden Club was a whirlwind! They planted a 'Garden in a Glove' and watched spinach, pole beans, radish, and salad turnip seeds sprout in the windows leading to the Multipurpose Room. They also learned about garden tools, painted some rock plant markers, and transferred their sprouts to egg cartons to sit in the cold frame for a week.
- Our second round of Garden Club has just begun with creating a Beanie Baby necklace. Hopefully they are taking care of their beans and will see them sprouting soon! They also helped to plant the seedlings into our beds from the first Garden Club session and moved mulch to prep the sunflower bed.
- All Garden Club members are invited with their parents to a field trip to the indoor farm, [Growing Healthy People](#), in downtown Grayslake on Thursday, May 14th. Please be sure to sign up for a timeslot...the SignUp link can be found under "Important Dates" on the home page of the PTO website.

Garden Shed

- The foundation has been poured, thanks to the hard work of many people - please be sure to check out our Gratitude Page on the PTO website. Next up: Framing!
- We would like to side the shed with repurposed wood, whether it be from an old barn or cedar shake shingles. If you know of anyone taking down an old structure or have a good contact for this material (at a good price), please email woodviewpto@gmail.com

Garden Excitement

It is exhilarating to see such interest in the garden from so many students...they love to help water at recess, taste the herbs, or plant nasturtiums by the teepee. They ask when their class will get a garden lesson and get excited when they find a worm in the soil. Take a few minutes to check out the progress of Woodview Sprouts with your child. A lot has been happening!