

James Gettys Courtyard Garden News

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Welcome Principal Royek!

Mrs. Royek has experience with school gardens and has some great ideas involving students and teachers. Welcome!



Garden Club Begins!

Third, fourth and fifth graders are making a difference. Kids are hoeing and working-in garden soil into the raised beds. The fall beds are growing kale and lettuces for the cafeteria. They love to help and see what is happening. Helpers can also take home a tomato, carrot, or anything else that is coming up. We may need more beds!

Butterfly Release, by Mrs. Daniels



James Gettys school released approximately 20 monarch butterflies into the garden this August! The students were able to watch the metamorphosis process from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. A tank with caterpillars was set up in the office showcase so all James Gettys students could watch. A webcam was also set up to record video of the amazing transformation.

All butterflies were released in the James Gettys garden to begin their journey to warmer weather!

Storage



Eva, head custodian, and John, custodian, found and installed shelving for our new garden supplies made possible through the Wholekids Grant. Mr. John also put up our mailboxes! A locker is on the way for the fifth graders to keep gloves and aprons in their own space. If you see Eva or John, please show your appreciation.



In the Spotlight-Free Apps

Starting with Soil is a pad-based educational experience that makes essential connections between our food and the natural world. Created in partnership with the Center for Ecoliteracy and designed for families with children 6-12 years old, *Starting with Soil* brings to life the riveting, reciprocal relationships at work in topsoil, and shows how these relationships are vital to support healthy food and a healthy environment. (App Store Preview)

Coming Soon...

Weather station in the garden!

Get Involved and Keep Growing!

Garden signage is planned. Would you like to be a part of the signage committee?

The only way the garden will grow and get better is with help and ideas from you. The kids are excited to get in there and dig! Please contact Beth Page if you, a grandparent, or anyone you know loves gardening and wants to get involved. Phone: 717-253-7339 E-mail: hollerbeth@hotmail.com



Third grade helpers ready to cut our salad crop.