

2015-2016 OSSE School Garden Grantees

Bridges Public Charter School

Garden-Based Training and Support for Teachers at Bridges PCS

REAL School Gardens will work with the faculty and staff of Bridges Public Charter School to improve the school's garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden and health-based lessons into the academic life of the school, starting at the pre-K level. Training for all early childhood teachers at the school, tailored lesson plans, and intensive in-class support, as well as community-supported garden enhancements, will lead to greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.



Browne Education Campus **NEW!**

VeggieTime: Building a Healthy Community at Browne Education Campus

When Kid Power launched its after-school programs at Browne Education Campus in the fall of 2014, it found several large garden beds that had remained unused and overgrown for years. This year, Kid Power will revitalize and fortify these beds and create a large space for outdoor instruction for its VeggieTime Project. Additionally, this project will integrate gardening, wellness, and environmental awareness into the school culture through new school-wide initiatives such as composting and recycling projects, in-school VeggieTime lessons, and school cafeteria events.



Cardozo High School NEW!

International Academy Garden Entrepreneurship Project Phase 1

City Blossoms is replicating the successful youth garden entrepreneurship program from Eastern Senior High School at the International Academy at Cardozo Senior High School. The International Academy is a program within Cardozo that serves recent immigrant students. City Blossoms will partner with the teachers and students to design, create, and maintain a garden that will serve as a cross-cultural platform for all of the students at Cardozo to share common interests such as environmental sustainability, local food and cultural traditions, and community building experiences. City Blossoms staff will implement programming through co-leading an after-school garden club with the School Garden Coordinator, organizing community workdays and celebrations, facilitating tastings and recipe opportunities throughout the school year to advertise harvest from the garden, and designing a sustainable planting plan for the outdoor garden and the greenhouse.



Cleveland Elementary School

The Cleveland School Garden

The Cleveland School Garden is entering its fifth year of existence. Partnering with City Blossoms, the school is working to expand the existing garden space and to increase participation from the entire Cleveland community. They are working on creating a space that offers dual language support for both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking participants. In addition they will continue to offer programming for students, families, and community members such as open times, garden-based activities, garden workdays, and in-class/out-of-class instruction.



Columbia Heights Educational Campus

Columbia Heights Education Campus School Garden

The Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC), in collaboration with its in-house non-profit Multicultural Career Intern Program (MCIP), proposed a continuation of the CHEC School garden project that will further existing partnerships between MCIP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chartwells (the CHEC Food Service), and Brainfood to enhance garden-based education for all 1,300 CHEC middle and high school students. The project will have a "Teaching the Food System" curriculum-based component that will be integrated into the Ecology units of

CHEC Life Sciences classes.



Creative Minds International Public Charter School NEW!
CMIPCS OSSE School Garden Program

Creative Minds International Public Charter School will construct a school garden on the school's new campus at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Funds will be used to build and maintain the garden and to create developmentally-appropriate learning opportunities for students. The school will accomplish this with the support of a qualified School Garden Coordinator, and through its partnership with the Living Classrooms Foundation.



Friendship Tech Prep Academy Public Charter School NEW!

Friendship Tech Prep Academy School Garden

Friendship Tech Prep Academy is new school that has a brand new greenhouse and school garden. The school is located within a food desert and the goal of this project is to establish a school garden that promotes healthy eating, provides healthy food to the community, and teaches students, staff, and community members the processes involved in urban agriculture.



H.D. Cooke Elementary School

VeggieTime: Building a Healthy Community at H.D. Cooke Elementary School

Kid Power will expand the VeggieTime Project at H.D. Cooke Elementary School through coordinated in-school and after-school programs. Through school-wide composting and recycling projects, in-school VeggieTime lessons, school cafeteria events, and a cross-cultural exchange project, Kid Power will fully integrate gardening, wellness, and environmental awareness into the school culture. To accommodate this increased garden use, Kid Power will support the expansion of an outdoor classroom by installing chalkboards, benches, and an irrigation system to increase garden yield.



Hendley Elementary School NEW!

Hendley Elementary School and Washington Youth Garden School Garden

The Washington Youth Garden is working with Hendley Elementary School to develop both a physical school garden and an integration program that will be used as a learning system for hands-on, standards-based education that emphasizes learning by doing. A school garden program provides an avenue for holistic, cross-curricular learning that integrates such disparate subjects as science, math, social studies, and ELA while making the connections between the classroom, the farm, and the cafeteria come alive.



Horace Mann Elementary School

Up on the Roof @ Mann

Horace Mann Elementary School will fund a School Garden Coordinator to develop the roof-top garden at this recently modernized school. There will be a strong connection to the cafeteria as well as the classroom as they seek to push the boundaries of what is possible. They will identify a specific partner for this new venture who will be responsible for the urban farm's design, development, and execution.



Houston Elementary School NEW!

Building Peaceful Communities at Houston ES

In this project, Kid Power will work with Houston Elementary School staff, students, and community members to improve and expand upon the current garden structure at the school, implement in-school hands-on STEM lessons in the garden, bridge farm-to-table concepts in the cafeteria by partnering with lunch vendor Chartwells, and work with community members to create a safe and healthy gathering space for students and their families.



Jefferson Middle School Academy

VeggieTime: Building a Healthy Community at Jefferson Middle School Academy

Kid Power will expand the VeggieTime Project at Jefferson Middle School Academy through in-school, after-school, and summer activities. Kid Power will integrate gardening, wellness, and environmental awareness into the school culture through new school-wide initiatives such as composting and recycling projects, in-school VeggieTime lessons, and school cafeteria events. To accommodate this increased garden use, Kid Power will design and install an outdoor classroom space and an outdoor kitchen cart.



J.O. Wilson Elementary School

J.O. Wilson School Garden Program

Over the past couple of years, the J.O. Wilson School Garden Program has grown dramatically. The program has received the assistance of OSSE, the Community Foundation for the National Capitol Region, the District Department of the Environment, Friends of J.O. Wilson, the National Wildlife Federation, ANC 6B, Casey Trees, and Cultivate the City, as well as from faculty, students, and community volunteers. This past year, they were able to raise funds and community awareness, and expand the footprint of the gardens to the south-facing side of the school by the main entrance, through their school garden market program and community garden build days . The School Garden Coordinator will work with at least six classroom teachers to plan and deliver garden-based lessons over the course of the year and these lessons will touch on topics such as sustainability, composting, eating in season, parts of a plant, nutrition, and water conservation. Some lessons will also involve cooking demonstrations or interactive food preparation.



John Burroughs Educational Campus

John Burroughs Education Campus (JBEC) School Garden Program

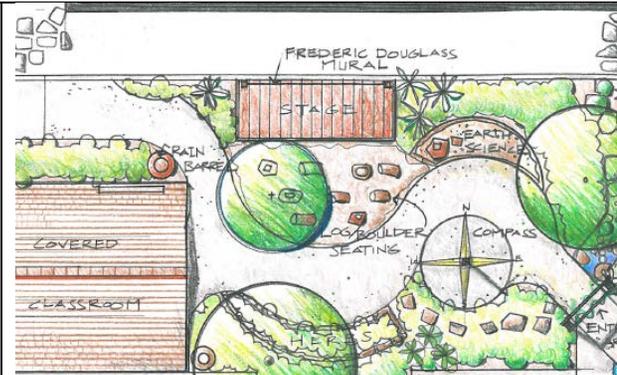
The John Burroughs Education Campus currently has ten 3'x5' raised edible garden beds. Their vision is to revitalize our current plots--two of them are broken-- and expand their edible garden by adding 3-4 more beds. A Butterfly/Pollinator Habitat Garden was planted to the right of the school's main entrance in 2010 with great excitement and ample student participation, but, as has occurred at other schools, the habitat garden and its native perennial plants succumbed to weeds for lack of a Garden Club or Green Team to care for it. JBEC is ready to make a fresh start with the support of the Program Coordinator of the Monarch Sister Schools Program and replant the Butterfly/Pollinator Habitat Garden at the same prominent location.



Ketcham Elementary School

Creating and Supporting a Learning Garden at Ketcham Elementary School

REAL School Gardens will work with the faculty and staff of Ketcham Elementary School to design and install a new school garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden and health-based lessons into the academic life of the school. Training for all teachers at the school, tailored lesson plans, and intensive in-class support, as well as community-supported garden enhancements, will lead to greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.



Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School

FoodPrints at Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School

Food is a universal theme that brings light to a wide variety of subjects. By emphasizing local and seasonal foods, FoodPrints teaches about the impact that our eating choices have on the environment and on our personal health. By encouraging a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins, the program helps students to learn to love the foods that give them energy and sustenance. Inviting students to grow, harvest, and prepare their own food empowers them to be involved in their food choices and take charge of their personal health from an early age. FoodPrints teaches life skills-growing and cooking healthy foods-and provides taste memories of fresh food that will last a lifetime.



Mundo Verde Public Charter School

Maximizing Student Learning in the Garden

This project will maximize student learning in the garden by (a) supporting the School Garden Coordinator who plays a fundamental role in Mundo Verde's mission to be a sustainable school and (b) by funding a partnership between Mundo Verde and City Blossoms to create the Sustainable Food Education Framework, a unique and profound outline of cooking and gardening units that will be taught at Mundo Verde across the grade levels and made available to other schools.



Peabody Elementary School

FoodPrints at Peabody

The 2015 OSSE DC School Garden Grant will support a School Garden Coordinator/FoodPrints Instructor who will oversee day-to-day operations of Peabody's school gardens as well as coordination of the garden-to-table program. With support from their partner organization, FRESHFARM Markets, Peabody's program aims to have thriving gardens that are used as living classrooms in which students grow and harvest food, observe plant and animal life, and learn about the science behind a vegetable garden. The leadership at Peabody envisions a program that seamlessly integrates gardening, composting, cooking, and nutrition education in an age-appropriate manner for their young scholars.



Randle Highlands Elementary School

Randle Highlands Elementary School Garden

The Randle Highlands Elementary School Garden was built in 2014 with the support of City Blossoms. Since then the garden has been maintained by school and City Blossoms staff. The primary goal of the garden is total integration with all grade levels at Randle Highlands Elementary School. This will be executed through the use of City Blossoms' curriculum as a tool for teachers to supplement their core curricula with garden-enhanced lessons. With this grant, expansion of the garden space, updates to existing features, and community-gearred events will be possible.



Seaton Elementary School

Seaton Garden Project

This program supports Seaton Elementary School in implementing a long-term sustainability plan for their school garden. The program will ensure that the outdoor classroom continues to enhance classroom learning for Seaton Elementary School, serving 253 students in Ward 6. This plan includes building a community support network and securing consistent funding for the garden program. In its third year of eligibility for the OSSE School Garden Grant, Seaton seeks funding to ensure that the garden program is prepared to be self-sustaining in school year 2015-2016.



Sousa Middle School

VeggieTime: Building a Healthy Community at Sousa Middle School

To combat community violence, a growing youth obesity epidemic, and the challenges of a community located in a food desert, Kid Power will expand the VeggieTime Project at Sousa Middle School through coordinated in-school and after-school programs. Through school-wide composting and recycling projects, in-school VeggieTime lessons, school cafeteria events, and a cross-cultural exchange project, Kid Power will fully integrate gardening, wellness, and environmental awareness into the school culture. To accommodate this increased garden use, Kid Power will support the construction of 12 new garden beds and a large outdoor classroom.



Stoddert Elementary School

Stoddert Elementary School Garden Program

The Stoddert Parent Teacher Association will help support a full-time School Garden Coordinator at Stoddert Elementary School. This full-time position is critical to Stoddert's robust farm to school curriculum that reaches 420+ students in Pre-K through grade 5 throughout the entire school year. Activities range from composting to caring for chickens to selling produce grown at the school's farmers market.



Tubman Elementary School

Tubman Garden Project

Tubman Elementary School is a high achieving elementary school in Ward 1, serving approximately 500 students in grades pre K-5. Using the OSSE School Garden Grant funds, Tubman Elementary School will sustain two distinct gardens - the courtyard perennial garden and the front edible garden. Combined, these two gardens offer 1,300 square feet of garden space, which produces annual vegetables and flowers, and perennial fruits and herbs, as well as fruit from trees. The majority of the funds will be used to support the salary of a part-time School Garden Coordinator who established the garden six years ago and has been in this role for the past two years. The remaining funds will be used to purchase garden supplies including art supplies for signage, tools, seeds, and materials to repair beds.



Tyler Elementary School

FoodPrints at Tyler Elementary School

Launched in 2005, the FoodPrints program brings the FRESHFARM Markets mission into public elementary schools in highly urban, primarily low-income neighborhoods. FoodPrints integrates gardening, cooking, and nutrition education into the curriculum, building on the current national testing standards, and bringing new life to core subjects like science, math, and social studies. With this funding, students will grow and plant seedlings, care for and harvest foods in their very own school vegetable garden, cook delicious and nutritious meals from scratch, and participate in hands-on activities that enhance their understanding of food systems, human nutrition, and the environment.



Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School

Garden-Based Training and Support for Teachers at Yu Ying

REAL School Gardens will work with the faculty and staff of Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School to improve the school's garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden and health-based lessons into the academic life of the school. Training for 3rd through 5th grade teachers at the school, tailored lesson plans, and intensive in-class support, as well as community-supported garden enhancements, will lead to greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.



West Educational Campus

West Education Campus Garden

In collaboration with City Blossoms, West Education Campus will cultivate and educate through the West Garden. This funding will be used to create a more formalized garden program to engage teachers, students, parents, and community members. A well-coordinated garden-based program will allow for more intentional nutrition-based lessons and activities during and after school. West plans to focus on developing a more cohesive green space by augmenting the current garden beds, establishing an outdoor classroom area, creating student made signage for the space, utilizing the space for many different classes, and integrating the space into the school community.

