

Why do we need an Educational Garden at Center Street Elementary?

It is the hope of the Garden Committee and all those who have donated time and money to the project that the garden will be used for all aspects discovery learning as described above. The goal is for the garden to become a curriculum integrator – touching all topics of study.

It is also hoped that when in full operation, students will not only learn where their food comes from, but also the nutritional aspects of that food, why organic gardening practices are important and how to be better stewards of the earth.

Where is the Educational Garden located at Center Street Elementary?

The garden is located at the back of the campus, on the playground near the afterschool TLC building. Construction is set to begin February 2009.

Who funded this project?

This project was funded by a generous grant from the local Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Club President Gerald Ketz said, “This grant is another affirmation of Kiwanis’s continued support of programs that directly support the children of El Segundo and would not be possible without the continued dedication of our members, the support of sponsors of our fundraising programs and the continued support of the community.”

Further funding for the garden came from a state grant from the CA Department of Education and support from the City of El Segundo. Ongoing funding will come from other grants and donations.

Who will maintain it?

The garden will be maintained by Center Street students, parent volunteers and the children at TLC (after school program). TLC will also maintain the garden through the summer months.

How can I help?

There are lots of ways you can help!

Join the Garden Committee – meetings are announced in the Cougar News

Volunteer to help in the garden – contact the front office

Make donations - A wish list will be posted after we are up and running

Keep checking this site for important dates and events.

Upcoming important dates:

February 21, 2009 - Family Work Day: This big event should get us up and “growing”! Volunteers (adults and children) will be needed to help set up the planting beds and prepare the garden for the first growing season. More information on this event will be posted as they are finalized.