WSU Master Gardeners and School Gardens

WSU Extension
Master Gardener Program
Begin with the End in Mind

• Healthy Kids
  • Learning while having fun
  • Connecting to healthy foods

• Healthy Gardens
  • Healthy soil
  • Healthy plants
  • Water!
School Gardens

• School & Community gardens are 90% community

• 10% Gardening
Remember Our Goal

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Garden Infrastructure

- **Place**
  - 6-8 hrs. sun daily
  - Easy access to irrigation

- **Soil**
  - In-ground (soil test?)
  - Raised beds
  - Containers
Building Up

- Involving teachers
- Garden expertise
  - Teachers
  - Parents
  - Master Gardeners?
WSU Extension Master Gardeners

MG Volunteers

- Are community educators
- Cannot provide physical labor
  - Building raised beds
  - Hauling soil/compost
  - Digging irrigation
Local Food

Promotes sustainable techniques for growing local food to improve individual & community health & wellness.

- Benefits of local food on individual and community wellness
- We all have a role to play
- Techniques for growing fruits and vegetables
Over the Summer?

• Spring Salad Garden
  • Mix of greens and
  • Early season crops

• Summer care with team of partners
Ongoing

• Weeds & pests
  • Educational value
  • When in doubt.....

• Expenses
  • Seeds or plants
  • Replacement parts
Questions?

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