



school
garden
project
OF LANE COUNTY

annual report

September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014
FISCAL YEAR 2014

In-School Education Programs

School garden education delivers results. The cornerstone of School Garden Project's programming is in-school education. University studies, and our own assessments, confirm that children who participate in garden education programs retain their science lessons, learn new gardening skills, are more physically active, and learn to like vegetables. With wonderful community financial and volunteer support, SGP delivers this program to schools at an affordable rate.



Students at Applegate Elementary create and test a box maze as part of an inquiry based lesson during their garden sessions. They experiment with different configurations in order to answer their test question: Will a plant grow through a maze to reach the light?

"I learned with Sarah that you have to make sure that the soil is fluffy to make sure that the seed is in a nice comfortable home so the plant grows right." – Emma

1,087 students served

STEM in the Garden

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum strengthens student learning. For a second year, SGP partners with Eugene's 4J School District to offer STEM-based lessons to low-income schools during the afterschool BEST program at two middle and three elementary schools. SGP STEM programming continues to grow as staff expands the number and availability of lessons. SGP's STEM curriculum is regularly accessed by teachers and organizations across the country, including extension offices in Utah and South Dakota.

STEM in the Garden helps students connect classroom concepts in science, technology, engineering, and math with real world applications. Students built season extenders for the garden, experimented with their use, and documented their results as part of their lessons.

182 VOLUNTEERS
1,720 volunteer hours

Garden Club

School gardens engage students after school as well. This year 58 students at three schools (Charlemagne, Edison, Edgewood) participated in 49 garden club sessions.

1,683

hours spent actively gardening with kids

479

sessions delivered



"I learned how to harvest different vegetables. And that it's not all fun and games, you really have to put your heart in it and get it all done."

45%

of students reported liking fruits & vegetables more after tasting from their school garden

93%

of students increased their science knowledge over the school year



Garden Support Services

Educational gardens need support. SGP provides organizations in Lane County and beyond with seeds, starts, consultation, and tools. This year, 43 organizations received 1,402 packets of seeds, 4,313 plant starts, and more than 30 hours of garden advice.

Professional Development Workshops

"Growing Success with School Gardens" - (2) workshops served 10 teachers and 3 community members
"Beyond Gardening: Ideas for Using the School Garden as an Outdoor Classroom" - (4) mini workshops served 61 teachers

School Garden Project is proud

to share a snapshot of our 2014 fiscal year. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you in our community who contributed so generously to our work with local schools during the 2013/2014 school year. With your support, we make a difference in the lives of children, both academically and nutritionally. School garden education is recognized in the Lane County Community Health Improvement Plan as a key strategy for promoting childhood health. Together, we are making a positive impact in our community. Thank you!

John Moriarty, Executive Director
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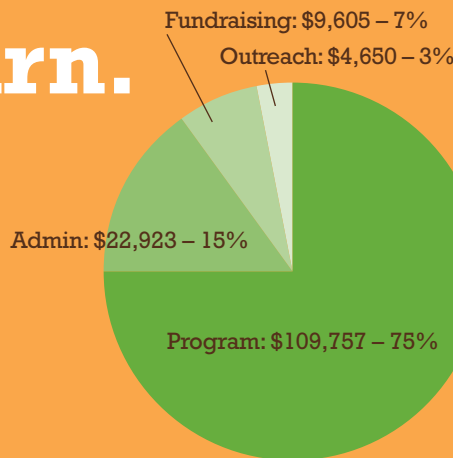
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Thank you.

