

TAKE ACTION: SCHOOL GARDEN

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IDENTIFY YOUR CONCERNS

- Our school garden can no longer be considered a garden.
- It is overgrown with weeds and needs tending to.
- We have no area reserve for gardening therefore grow boxes will be used to revamp the school garden.
- My major concern is not only setting up the garden but it is ongoing and successful.
- This concern arises from repeated attempts to revamp the garden with only some measure of success. In some cases one crop or one cycle and then garden is no more.
- In all instances our school garden has only had short term success.

RESEARCH

- Information was gathered on the best recommended method of starting grow box and correct techniques in maintaining healthy grow boxes.

SUPPORT

- The staff unanimously agreed that since the school is located in an agricultural area student should gain hands on experience in correct agricultural techniques. The staff pledge continued support by assisting in related ventures.
- Cooperative community was very supportive in donating tools, fertilizers and some resource personnel.
- Students were very enthusiastic to participate in this exercise.

PLAN

- Educate students on correct techniques of maintaining grow boxes.
- Transfer knowledge learnt in the classroom into the garden.
- Maintain the school garden.

TAKE ACTION

- Seedlings are planted and watered on a daily basis
- Demonstrate correct procedures for maintaining grow boxes.
- Teach students morals and values such as cooperation, sharing responsibility and working together in a group.

EVALUATE YOUR PLAN

- Evaluate how well the students are maintaining the grow boxes that is the removal of weeds, watering the plants on time and fertilizing.
- Determine whether the plants have healthy growth in the form of green leaves, new buds.
- The ability of the students to work together in groups.

APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Students have been actively involved in maintaining the grow boxes.
- Some of them have actually started a garden at home.

CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS

- The garden is blossoming due to the concerted efforts of all students.
- Students are encouraged to comply with rules.
- A renewed interest has been taken into the school garden. Students have been requesting to join.
- Plants have been exhibiting healthy growth.
- In the near future more grow boxes will be added to provide opportunities for other students to participate in the club.



Grow boxes



Tomatoes



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