



Acquainting Agriculture

“GROW TO KNOW HIM”



GARDEN SPOTLIGHT

Last fall we collected as many seeds as we could from plants that were growing all around campus. Saving seeds is not only easy to do but saves lots of money for our class. We recently had a community service day where students helped plant carrot seeds that we saved. It is so fun to be able to eat food that you grow but even better when it cost nothing. Each one of these broom like clusters came from 1 carrot and hold about 50 seeds and will be about 50 new carrots. We have orange and purple varieties for the students to try.



FLOWERS

Consider buying bulbs for your garden. They are more expensive in the beginning but here is why they are a good idea.

The bulbs we planted fall of 2022 have been coming up already and it is showing signs of spring!

The benefit of these Perennials are that they come back every year and you don't have to replant, start them from seeds, or purchase replacements.





HATCHING EGGS & BABY CHICKS

Spring brings so many fun things for Agriculture class. Hatching eggs and baby chicks are just few of the exciting things the students are learning about.

Late February we filled the incubator with fifty-six eggs. Twenty-three of the eggs Mrs. Kluchesky got from Williamsburg, PA & Orange City, IA. They are a special new breeds to the Campion called Splash Marans and French Copper Marans. Only six of these special chicks hatched due to rough shipping or infertility.

The class hatched thirteen chicks of their own and were born during spring break. The class has sold seven of the chicks and a dozen hatching eggs to customers interested in mixed breeds. We also spent part of a class just holding them and trying to come up with names for them. Those not sold will be raised up to lay more eggs or sold as adults.



Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

Each year our class purchases heirloom seeds from an Adventist family who own Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds. Senior Agriculture student Wesley Kluchesky had the opportunity to visit Baker Creek in February with his AG. teacher (and mom), Amy Kluchesky. "It was very exciting seeing all the seeds all along the walls that we normally just see in catalogs or on the website. We had a blast trying to find strange and weird things including flowers that are black, my favorite color," Amy explained.



Students hold and play with the new baby chicks that hatched in March

