

Acquainting Agriculture

"GROW TO KNOW HIM"



HARVEST & SEED SAVING

Harvest time is here and we are so excited to get our first zucchini, (pictured page 2), as well as watermelon (pictured below), strawberries, carrots, tomatoes, squash, eggplant, peppers, basil, rosemary, thyme, and mint.

We always get questions about when we will be selling produce. At this time we are concentrating on growing our garden and improving the soil. Our goal is to provide what we can to our school cafeteria and to give what we can to those around us.

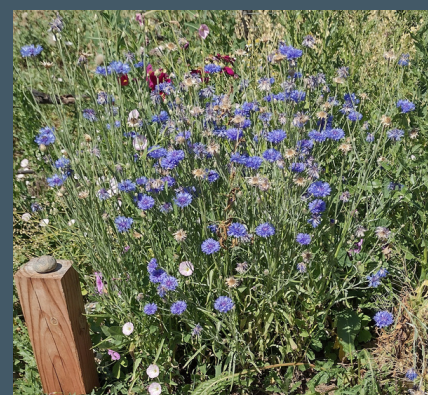
The class also has been learning about saving seeds (see carrot seeds below) and drying herbs such as mint. We spent one really HOT day dehydrating mint leaves and learning how to make tea. Then at the next class we enjoyed some cold tea that we made, while we worked in the garden.



FLOWERS

The students started flowers from seed last spring and the gardens are blooming!

The Narrowleaf Zinnia pictured above have been growing outside the high tunnel. Their beautiful orange color greets everyone who visit.



Blue Cornflowers are a big favorite in what was known as Toby's garden. This garden has been adopted by Wesley this year.



CHICKEN NEWS

We are so happy that the chicken coop we started summer of 2022 is finally finished. It is now home to 16 chickens that hatched in early July. The coop features a small run that we hope to expand in the near future. This coop is surrounded by a wire mesh along the ground so that predators cannot dig and get into the coop. We covered the mesh with cardboard and leaves to make it look more attractive and keep the weeds away.



IN MEMORY OF LAVENDER

Our rooster Lavender (pictured right) gave his life back in June while trying to keep a fox from killing the campus chickens. He was one of three who lost a life that first day. Two days later the fox returned and killed eight more as well as some hens from the backyard of Mr. Russell who also resides on campus. Unfortunately Mrs. Kluchesky was out of town on vacation and couldn't stop the fox.



We quickly collected 19 eggs from the remaining chickens and hatched out 17 baby chicks. We hope to replace Lavender with one of his sons as the class rooster.

The wild
Sunflowers
pictured
above
grow all
over the
gardens of
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