



Grant's 1st Annual Student-Run Farmers' Market

Students have worked hard in the Gecko Garden this year. In spite of Mother Nature's challenges they have managed to pull together a fair amount of produce. To honor their hard work and give them an opportunity to share this with the school community we will be hosting our first Student-Run Farmers' Market. I have listed below information necessary for each class to participate - if possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions. And, thank you to all the teachers and parents that have set aside time in your busy schedules to foster the growth of our young ones in this unique learning opportunity.

Date: Friday, June 8th, during pickup from 2:10-2:30 in the lunch arbor.

Crops: Listed below are items that should be ready for Market. A few crops were ready a month ago (Caren Kamanski and 6 to 6 students' beautiful flowers) and a few may not be ready by June 8th, but all in all this looks like the best time to benefit from the most produce.

Amberg	Fresh Herbs
1 st Grade	Carrots
Overton-Buck	Basil and Lavender seedlings
Kaplan	Tomato Seedlings
Steinberg	Spinach
Lovern/Williams	Spinach
4th grade	Peas

Other items: If your class does not currently have an item to sell at the market and would like to participate, feel free to contribute an item you think appropriate i.e. snack, baked goods, craft etc. Remember participation is optional and items should be made by the students.

Martocchio class	Caramel Apples
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Signs and pricing: If you can confirm what items you plan to provide in advance, these will be listed on a whiteboard with pricing at the market. Pricing suggestions welcome – keep in mind that our produce is organic, locally farmed by budding scientist, and hand delivered to market (low carbon footprint)! It would also be nice if each class made a small sign (8.5x11) to display with their produce showing teachers name, crop and variety.

Harvesting: There are baggies and an assortment of cartons in the garden shed for storing items such as spinach, peas, carrots and herbs. If items are harvested prior to the market and need refrigeration, they could be stored in the refrigerators in the Science Lab or Teacher's Lounge. (Mrs. Lovern and Steinberg – If your schedule does not allow you to harvest spinach just before the market and you need to refrigerate, we should probably test this to confirm the spinach does not wilt.)

Market Day: Have students (2 or more) drop off items in the lunch arbor by 1:30pm on Friday June 8th. If this is not possible for your class please let me know in advance and I'd be happy to pick up items from your class or refrigerators. We will have some baskets available for display but if you wish to provide your own display this is fine too.

Sales: 6th grade students will be managing the sales during the market. We will provide them with a cash box, calculator and scale. They are also painting a sign to go in front of the school and I will send a flyer home with all students later this week to inform parents of the upcoming Market.

Students will have a say in how proceeds should be spent. Should we use it to cover the cost of garden supplies for next year, upgrades or share with a charity?

Thank you,

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