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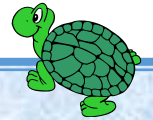
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News from WHSD



FIFTH GRADERS INSTALL PROJECT LEARNING GARDEN AT TURTLE CREEK ELEMENTARY STEAM ACADEMY

Fifth graders at Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy installed a Project Learning Garden on Tuesday, October 5 thanks to a grant from Giant Eagle, the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dole Packaged Foods and the Captain Planet Foundation.

Students from the Gifted program, led by Mrs. Cathie Pearson, helped prepare the space and participated throughout the day. The fifth graders worked in shifts to construct the garden. The first group of fifth graders focused on building the five planters. The second group came in and opened up all of the topsoil bags, making sure to spread the soil evenly throughout the planter. The third group then planted a variety of vegetables and herbs that they will take care of and maintain.

All three Woodland Hills School District elementary schools now have working gardens - Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy also had its garden installed in early October, while Wilkins Elementary STEAM Academy installed one in the spring and enjoyed its first harvest this fall.

"It is always a wonderful experience to have our community partners in our schools. It's a particularly fantastic when the experience is about health, wellness and the environment!" Woodland Hills School District Superintendent James Harris said. "Allowing students to be 'hands-on' and getting to eat your work is always the best part!"

Each school received a full working garden that includes five raised beds, with accompanying soil and seedlings. It also includes lesson kits filled with supplies and a fully equipped garden mobile cooking cart. The Learning Garden program provides a context for multidisciplinary learning, ranging from nutrition and science to social studies, math and language arts. Students benefit by expanding their palates, taste-testing healthy foods, and learning about food origins.

"As educators, we sometimes get caught up in only focusing on teaching our children reading and math. We don't always take the time to show children the importance and necessity of focusing on our community and the earth," Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy principal Dr. Jean Marie Livingston said. *"This garden not only focuses on reading and math, but also cooperation, teamwork, problem solving and taking steps to better our community. Taking care of our community is a lesson we all need and I'm thankful we are taking the time to do that today. This is the first day of many we will be able to focus on making our community a better place."*



Photos credited to Woodland Hills School District

Oh, What a Night!

Despite a few obstacles and challenges along the way, TCHS Class of '71 celebrated 50 years in style during Labor Day weekend! The Hilltop Hall became a sea of blue and white as Creekers came from all around to reconnect and reminisce about their time together at Turtle Creek High School.

We were so happy to keep the reunion in Turtle Creek and support our hometown businesses. We bought hoagies from Casey's Pizza, while decorating and setting up. We had the High School tour, an informal gathering at Shelly Pie, and the reunion at Hilltop Hall. Bill Connelly donated Mary Jo's pizza for appetizers, and Mary Ann and Mary Beth purchased the floral arrangement for our Memorial Table from Antrilli's. Our entertainment was 2 Broke Country Girls (1971 grad Diana Zeleznak Mikash, and Lois Scott) and DJ Jerry Kovach from Mercer St.

If you weren't there, you were missed! If you were and took any pictures, we'd love to see them! You can post them on the Turtle Creek High School Class of 1971 Facebook page or email to TCHSPA71@gmail.com. We'd like to collect as many as possible.

We thank the Woodland Hills School District for allowing the High School tour and the many who labored to make this celebration of the 50th reunion of our graduation a weekend to remember ... it was truly a labor of love, and one we should do again in the near future! Until then ... CREEKERS UP! Submitted by Diana Zeleznak Mikash & Melanie Mikasinovich Baden



Front Row: Jeannine (Klein) Gaudino, Mary Beth (Shema) Fresch, Danette (Wilt) Kucic, Mary Lynne (Meyer) Ricart, Alice (Wilson) LaPaglia, Beverly (Koricich) Giuliano, Sharyn Jo (McLain) Vargo, Donna (Colmer) Yutzzy, Diane (Pecora) Etherington, Debbie (Mullen) Woller
Middle Row: Jim Davis, Jim G'Angeli, Jim Figliola, Bill Connelly, Melanie (Mikasinovich) Baden, Diana (Zeleznak) Mikash, Shelley (McAtee) Dodt, Amy (Merola) Calligaro, Sophie (Novotny) Swyka, Mary Ann (Popovich) Milne, Darlene Elizabeth (Ryder) Harper, Iona (Kovach) Silver
Back Row: Don Niehl, Dennis "Dud" Dudley, Mike Beasley, Paul Mullen, Dennis Havarar, Pat Cummings, Harry Rubash, Kim (Ertman) Rubash, Will Mayes, Bob "Big I" Ireland, Jack Depner, Jan (Trovato) Allen, Ruth (Crosbie) Hochendoner, Karen Gola, Susan (Ocskay) Romansky, Dan Anderson

A Double Play for Home Plate Garden



Fort Pitt Pioneers is always on the lookout for local community service projects! We are a volunteer group of retired and active Verizon employees "answering the call of those in need" since 1922. Our volunteer projects benefit children, seniors, domestic violence victims, soldiers, veterans, the homeless, and animal shelters. We were excited to learn of the opportunity to work with the Home Plate Garden, a Grow Pittsburgh initiative this past season to help with their goals to grow healthy vegetables for local citizens. Beth Hamill thoroughly explained the garden operation and their need for volunteers and also supplies. This spring, Fort Pitt donated two wheelbarrows and six soaker hoses and recently we donated fifteen yards of mushroom manure to prepare the gardens for winter. We were impressed over the summer with the volunteers' efforts, the growth of the crops and the citizens' interest in the Garden. We look forward to the opportunity to partner Home Plate Garden in future years!