

**Garden group meeting**  
Ginny, Jenifer, Anne, Paul, Melinda,

3:20 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009  
Roosevelt Dreams garden

Topics discussed:

1. What worked and what didn't work in the gardens over summer
2. Create a nibble bed
3. Fall Dreams harvest party with students
4. Dreams planting bed cleanup (mostly parents)
5. Fall Love Your School Yard Day: Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 am to noon
6. Harvest Festival

**1. WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T WORK IN THE GARDENS OVER SUMMER**

**What worked well**

- REAP pizza garden! Lots of interesting vegetables
- Food Bank crops near garden shed. Easier to maintain than the beds that are further out.
- All beds were quite well watered by lawn sprinklers. Next summer, focus on weeding!

**What caused problems**

- Vandalism in the Dreams Garden. Prevent this in the future by:
  - signage,
  - group all of the beds where we are growing crops for the food bank close to the shed
- Maple tree in front of shed is just outside the range of the sprinklers, so it needs to be soaked every few weeks.

**2. CREATE A NIBBLE GARDEN**

- To encourage students and neighbors to enjoy the vegetables (and hopefully minimize the temptation to vandalize the food bank beds), dedicate one of the central beds for casual panting and grazing.

**3. FALL DREAMS HARVEST PARTY WITH STUDENTS: *Friday, Sept. 25, 10:30 to 12:30***

- Meet at the Dreams garden during morning and lunch recesses and encourage students to harvest the last of the summer crops for delivery to the food bank.
- Note will go home in Monday folders on Sept. 21 (*Jenifer*)

**4. DREAMS PLANTING BED CLEANUP (MOSTLY PARENTS): *Friday, Oct. 2 (after school?)***

- Clear out planting beds
- Plant a cover crop (like red clover)
- Plant any experimental crops (in Bed 1)

**5. Fall LOVE YOUR SCHOOL YARD DAY: *Saturday, October 10, 9 am to noon***

- Weed and mulch Dreams garden pathways
- Move kindergarten beds to the Dreams garden

**6. Harvest Festival**

- Use harvested garlic to make (and sell) garlic bread! Also suggest that harvest soup be available for sale during the event.

*Melinda Spencer*