



Service Learning News

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by Judy Brookhart

Dear Parents,

Thanks to many of you who have responded to the recent flyer listing summer service possibilities. I will keep you posted about others as they come along, and of course I continue to welcome volunteers - for the garden, the potential midsummer party with the high-rise, and the call for middle schoolers at area farmers' markets and at Botzum Farm. If you would have misplaced the flyer, or would like more details, please give me a call or stop by.



Have you seen the emergence of a garden at the far end of the parking lot by the pump house and our sixth-grade maintained compost pile? If not, take a look. Thanks to our maintenance men, Jimmy Sobevski (above), who provided vision and commitment and Bill Mottice, who provided support, there is a seven foot fence, salvaged from the softball field, a deep layer of topsoil, a walkway for ease of weeding... and even decorative flowers and a sign. In a couple of weeks, herbs and lettuces sprouted from seed by the fourth graders will be planted.

This garden is a beginning. It is beautiful, so be sure and take a look. You can see from the picture that it required a lot of labor. Jimmy swears that a groundhog family watched eagerly from the hillside and actually drooled in anticipation, but he believes that he has foiled them. Time will tell!

Serving together,

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