



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

While we are carefully and thoughtfully laying out exciting and ambitious plans for the ultimate use of our new 11 acres up the hill, we have planted aromatic herbs in our small organic garden at the end of our parking lot.

First our maintenance man, Jimmy Sobevski, rototilled the soil. We consulted with our chefs to determine which herbs are most appreciated in the kitchen. Then our Girls on the Run students (an After the Bell group) performed welcome service by planting a variety of herbs and marigolds to keep little animals at bay.

After Memorial Day, Jimmy will use his green thumb to add tomatoes, peppers and several varieties of beans. Finally our preschoolers have planted pumpkins and sunflowers that they grew from seeds in their classrooms. Overseeing this entire effort is a gnome from fourth grade teacher Holly Wilson's collection. For the moment, we are set!

However, in our climate, gardening is mostly a summer effort, and that is where we would love to have help from interested families. If you and your children would be willing to assist us with watering and weeding, please email Judy at jbrookhart@oldtrail.org. Tell her when you are available, and she will put together a schedule.

Remember – this is just a foretaste of the call we will put out each summer when we truly become the “farm school” that we envision!

Serving together,

Judy & Mandy

