
RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL GARDENS

Local Resources

- **The Garden Project of Southwest Colorado**

www.thegardenprojectswcolorado.org/ Specific to school gardens:
http://www.thegardenprojectswcolorado.org/site/School_Gardens_.html

- **Turtle Lake Refuge** www.turtlelakerefuge.org (provides in class presentations on wild and local foods)

- **La Boca Center for Sustainability** www.labocacenter.org (provides Farm Tours for area schools)

- **SW Colorado Farm to School Working Group**
http://www.sustainableswcolorado.org/farm_to_school

- **La Plata County Extension Office** (Horticulture, home garden, food preservation, nutrition & weed management info.) *Darrin Parmenter*
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- **San Juan Basin Research Station** (Part of a network of agricultural research centers throughout the state.) www.colostate.edu/depts/sjbrc

- **Healthy Lifestyle La Plata: Healthy, Local Foods Working Group**
www.healthylifestylelaplata.org

Growing Partners of SW Colorado (Community Food Project serving underserved populations) kpepinsky@gmail.com

La Plata County Food Assessment: www.sustainableswcolorado.org/cfa.htm

Mesa Verde Guide to Food/Fiber: www.sustainableswcolorado.org/MVGuide.htm

National Website Resources

- Kids Gardening: Helping Young Minds Grow www.kidsgardening.org

- The Edible Schoolyard: A one acre garden and kitchen classroom in Berkeley, California that has been an inspirational garden for schools across the nation.
<http://www.edibleschoolyard.org/resources>

- National Wildlife Federation: Schoolyard Habitats
<http://www.nwf.org/schoolyard/index.cfm>

- Garden of Learning: Garden Curriculum <http://www.gardenoflearningk6.com/>
- School Gardens: Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations http://www.fao.org/schoolgarden/fs2_en.htm
- Community Food Security Coalition www.foodsecurity.org
- School Garden Weekly: Instructional activities for school gardens <http://schoolgardenweekly.com>
Specific School Garden Project in Colorado <http://schoolgardenweekly.com/school-garden-news/school-garden-news-colorado>
- Growing Gardens-Cultivating Community: Boulder, CO <http://www.growinggardens.org/english/programs/youth/peace/afterschool.html>
- Article about School lunch programs in Denver Public Schools <http://communications.dpsk12.org/pressrelease/dps-celebrates-colorado-proud-school-meal-day>
- Slow Food USA <http://www.slowfoodusa.org> Slow Food In Schools: http://www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/programs/details/in_schools/
- Rethinking School Lunch <http://www.ecoliteracy.org/programs/rsl.html> <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/life/>
- National Gardening Association: <http://www.garden.org>
- UC Davis Children's Garden Program: A farm and garden space, teaching garden ecology and education about growing food. <http://childrensgarden.ucdavis.edu/>

Books and Lesson Plan Resources

(**available for checkout – contact The Garden Project)

- National Gardening Association, Grow Lab: A Complete Guide to Gardening in the Classroom, 2006. **
- Dennee, Joanne, In The Three Sisters Garden, Food Works Inc. 1996. **
- Project Learning Tree, Pre K-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide, 2008.
- California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom: Teacher Resource Guide, Educational Materials About Agriculture, 2005. **

- Project Food Land and People, Resources for Learning, 2003. **
- Growing Good Kids: Excellence in Children's Literature: Recognizes childrens books that promote an appreciation for gardening and the environment <http://www.jmgkids.us/index.k2?did=11777>
- Applehof, Mary, et al., Worms Eat Our Garbage. And Worms Eat My Garbage. 1993. Flowerfield Enterprises, LLC. Over 100 lessons focus on the world of worms, vermicomposting and beyond the worm bin. Activities address a broad range of math and ELA standards. <http://www.wormwoman.com> **
- California Department of Education. A Child's Garden of Standards. Links garden-based activities from existing curricula with academic content standards for grades 2-6. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd>.
- Life Lab Science Program. The Growing Classroom, 2007. Step by step instructions for setting up a garden-based science program and dozens of outdoor classroom activities. <http://www.lifelab.org>
- UC Cooperative Extension, San Mateo & San Francisco Counties. TWIGS Youth Development Program. 1997. Fifteen basic gardening lessons and 15 cooking lessons are designed for use in classroom or after school program. <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/>

School Grant Opportunities

- **Fiskars—Project Orange Thumb.** Grants are geared toward community involvement & schools are encouraged to apply. Up to \$1,500 plus more. Watch web site for future grant cycles. <http://www.fiskars.com/US/Garden/Project+Orange+Thumb/About>
- **Junior Master Gardener Program.** Periodic grant offerings. Watch for future opportunities. <http://www.jmgkids.us>
- **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.** Outdoor Classroom Grant Program. Grant applications are reviewed three times per year. Grants range from \$2,000 for a school to \$20,000 for major outdoor classroom projects for a district. <http://www.lowes.com>
- **Western Growers Charitable Foundation.** WGA offers grants of \$1,000 and \$1,500 plus garden start-up supplies. Award money must be used mainly for supplies. Applications due November and June of each year. <http://www.wga.com>- click on school gardens

** Be sure to check your local businesses for in-kind donations: nurseries, garden supply and hardware stores, landscape, soil, and irrigation supply stores. They are often happy to contribute to school gardens!*