



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Exciting adventures are blooming here at Derby Elementary. With help from our partners at Green Mountain Farm to School, as well as combining efforts with Newport Elementary, we are implementing a sustainable garden here for our students. Not only will our garden produce fresh organic foods for our cafeteria, but our teachers and staff are busy making our garden a resource for classroom learning.

As some remember, we have started a garden in the past and we want to thank the families and volunteers that came throughout the summer to weed and maintain it. We are asking for your help again this summer with hopes that there will be lots of fresh veggies for our families to enjoy at home.

This year we have been awarded a grant with which we are increasing our efforts to produce as much nutritious and delicious, foods possible. This being said, we are currently looking for donations so we can spread this grant over a 2 year time period and make this garden grow!

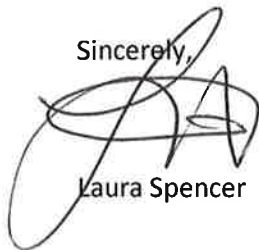
If, after seeing the list, you have some of these items we have a box out front between the entrance doors where you can feel free to drop off donations during school hours. For some of the bigger items, please call or email our parent liaison, Laura Spencer, to arrange either a pick up or drop off time with her specifically. Her contact information will be at the end of the donation list.

We want to thank you all in advance and invite you to our planting days which will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be planting our garden together as a school and would love to see our parents and guardians there to share in the experience.

Please keep a lookout for more information. We are trying our best to keep everyone updated.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Laura Spencer



# FARM TO SCHOOL DONATION LIST:

Garden tools: both adult and children sizes

Rakes, Hoes, Shovels, Gloves

Compost

Buckets: 5 gallon to sand buckets

Plastic flower pots : all sizes

Plants: MARIGOLDS (seeds or already potted to disperse around garden)

Plants: Veggies (call or email what you have)

Wood: (Call or email what you have)

We are currently in need of 2x4's no shorter than 3 feet.

Out-door paint: all colors

Garden flags: keep the birds and bugs away

Garden edging: our garden measures 23 x 43 feet

Rain Barrel: looking for either a sap or blue barrel

Water hoses

This list will be added to as needed. Please keep an eye out for our poster in the lobby next week.

If you have anything not mentioned on this list and you feel is garden necessary, please do not hesitate to call or email our parent liaison, Laura Spencer, to see if it is something we needed and didn't realize when making this list.

Thank you all in advance. We will send out another letter next week with more information about our garden days.

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