

GARDEN NEWS

Summer 2013

Welcome back to Haldane and welcome back to the school garden at its peak! Stop by to see first hand how much all the plants have grown over summer. You'll also be welcomed by the **new entrance sign** students finished at the end of June. Thanks to **Mrs. Cendali's vision** and dedication, every child in grades K-6 had the opportunity to paint flowers on the sign!



When you tour the garden don't be surprised to see sunflowers of towering proportions and a compost bin completely taken over by volunteer butternut squash! Summer's heat and humidity are friends to many plants, fueling immense growth. If kids grew that fast they'd be giants by fall!

As always, the garden committee will meet every **Garden Monday** after school to do work. Join us in maintaining the garden this fall. Students and parents are always welcome to drop-in and help out right after school.



Cabbage: *Brassica oleracea* variety *capitata*

What are some edibles growing right now?

watermelon, corn, tomato, cucumber, bean, beet, carrot, swiss chard, kale, broccoli, potato, parsley, basil, okra, fennel, squash, nasturtium, edamame, rosemary, sage, oregano, dill, tomatillo, cabbage, sweet potato, quinoa...

How about some of the flowers in bloom?

zinnia, sunflower, cosmos, poppy, jewel weed, rose, anemone, heart pea, cardinal vine, dahlia, cockscomb, petunia, chrysanthemum, hyacinth bean, rudbeckia, allysum, marigold, autumn clematis, lantana, cleome, sedum...



Other garden highlights this year?

Theme beds such as the butterfly courtyard, tropical bed with banana, a Dr. Seuss bed of unique plants, the Three Sisters bed, sensory/useful plants bed, and Eco kids native plant bed.

Laurel Rimmer installed two **new container gardens**: an aquatic water garden with fish (named Dorito!) and water plants, as well as a carnivorous garden with venus flytraps and pitcher plants.

Carina Frantz constructed the **garden fort** of willow branches covered with climbing vines and pole beans. Explore inside this outdoor 'living room'!

COMING THIS FALL...

October is Farm-to-School Garden Month! To celebrate fall harvests, the garden committee will work closely with Haldane's Farm to School initiative to coordinate an outdoor garden activity for every class in grades K-4 for the entire month of October.

Construction on the **new green-education shed** was delayed this summer but we hope to start in this fall. We're still looking for community members interested in getting involved with building. Please contact us if interested.

SPECIAL THANKS go to...

- **Flagler Landscaping** for keeping the garden regularly mowed all summer long!
- Volunteers who weeded and mulched before start of school, esp. **John Hedlund** (with kids Josephine and Henry), **Yvonne Mee**, **Julie Geller** (6th grade) and **Jesse Tippet** (2nd grade).
- Wood chip mulch generously donated again by **Jerry Allen** of **Philipstown Tree Service**.
- Our summer watering crew: Shannon McElroy, Sandy McKelvey, Karen Kapoor, Jackie Wlodarczak, Beth Edelson, Kacie Grossman, Kathy Gordineer, Diana Geller, Kevin Gaugler, and Yvonne Mee.
- **Eileen Caulfield** for a stainless steel sink to use for washing vegetables!
- **Lourdes Laifer** for coordinating the entrance sign project with Mrs. Cendali. Our special thanks to Lourdes for all her garden help these past few years!
- The continuing support and original garden start-up grants from **HSF and HHLT**...

Haldane Garden Committee

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