

Green For Greens

fundraising from the school garden



Garden lessons learned



Packaging marketing
and branding.
Exchanging product
for money.



Teamwork skills.
Learning to respect the
harvest and the plants



Hey!! Spinach tastes
pretty good after all

Exploring the food cycle



Hort in the Hood After the cucumber crop was harvested in Mid August students from SDSS planted beet, spinach and lettuce seed for a fall crop. They diligently watered and weeded for the remainder of the summer and through the month of September culminating in a two day harvest on October 16 and 17. Mr. McGrory, the principal at PHT, decided that a good use for the crop would be to sell it to raise money for supplies for two new divisions at the school.

Parent teacher conference days were chosen as sales days as many parents and guardians would be hovering around the school for pick up.

Coming on the heels of the successful “Project Pickle”, the fall crop would also readily involve children from the school to learn how to harvest the crop and how to package it for ultimate sale.

Four student leaders from Pebble Hill Traditional School worked with one of the South Delta Secondary students reps to show four groups of younger students over 2 days how to pull the product, and prepare it for market.

Each group were instructed by the student leaders on how to carefully pull the plants so that their root systems would remain intact, preserving the life of the plants for processing.

They learned the importance of rinsing the crop and carefully placing the product in wholesale packaging boxes. In short they were taught to be patient and respectful of the plant during the harvest process.

After the product was packaged, it was taken to the school front door where it was displayed with pumpkins and a straw bale.

On day one 21 bags of produce were sold for \$5 a bag and the inventory was gone in twenty minutes. The second day was a little wet and seventeen bags were sold in half an hour.

Children also participated in the sales process and assisted in determining inventory values and making change.