

HORT IN THE HOOD

Delta School District Horticulture Initiative

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upcoming

November



. Composting

Composting containers will be built by senior secondary shop class students for distribution to participating schools. Students will be shown how to compost

December

Construction of the Hoop House

Boundary Bay elementary will be the site for our district's very own "Hoop House" where seedlings and plants will be tended for circulation to the schools in the spring. Senior students will build this important facility.



January

Time to think about seeds

Planning for spring planting will occur at all schools. We will sowing radishes in our gardens first and cucumber seeds will be planted in the hoop house next month



GROW SHARE TRADE

GREEN FOR GREENS

THE SECOND CROP OF THE YEAR!

"The Delta School District is germinating new ideas in your neighbourhood and we invite you to join us." Superintendent Dianne Turner

GROW SHARE TRADE

Our school gardens and horticulture programs have continued to be active.

A few weeks ago one of the student leaders from South Delta Secondary School came to PHT to teach our classes about the pickling process.

Our students had the opportunity to see and smell the various ingredients involved in the process.

You can take a look at the [Delta School District Website](#) for details.

In mid August students from South Delta Secondary planted a secondary crop of Lettuce, Spinach and beets.

The crop was fantastic and our student leaders took classes out to our garden to show our students how to harvest and prepare the produce for sale.

We sold the greens in our first annual "Green For Greens" fundraiser and were able to generate over \$200 for our new divisions at the school.

There are a couple of dozen remaining heads of Lettuce and Spinach that we will be donating to the Delta Food Bank the week of November 12.



“Project Pickle” was a great success. Our lead will be followed by other schools this spring.

Our first two crops in our school neighbourhood gardens were a welcome addition to the PHT way of thinking. We will continue to build on our successes throughout the 2012-2013 school year.



Student Leaders Our student leaders have been working with student leaders from South Delta Secondary School and have been taught aspects of horticulture including the pickling process and how to properly harvest, package and market organic produce.

They have also taught younger grades what they themselves have learned.

This cooperation will galvanize the student mentor teaching relationship throughout the Delta School District as its “Hort in the Hood” programs evolve.



Building Community We encourage our school food neighbourhood to become aware of the programs as they are rolled out and to take a sense of pride in what our children are accomplishing in their school farm gardens.



The Delta School District will be expanding “Project Pickle” in the lead up to “food Revolution Day” May 19, 2013



“We are blessed with an abundance of land in our school properties and the Delta School District wants to use them to teach our kids”

Dianne Turner
Superintendent, Delta School District

COMMUNITY FARMING IN YOUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Green For Greens

80 Heads of Greens

200 students

water, sun, love

Lovingly weed and water crop over the summer.

Teach leaders how to harvest, package and market.

Raise funds for school initiative and help those in need through donations to the Delta Food bank.



All of our students get their hands dirty!