

PLANNING TO PLANT

Keeping kids fingers dirty in the Delta School District.



Project Pickle Spring 2014



BACKYARD COOPERATIVE

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Project Pickle Spring Time Prep

With spring right around the corner, it is time to think about planning our school neighbourhood farms. Planning to plant is a good activity for grades 3-7

Planning when and what to plant can be a lot of fun for the kids and the exercise of planning involves several cognitive skills especially as they pertain to mathematics and logistics. Measuring rows and seed depth requires a certain amount of skill.

Not all plants can be grown from seed or from seedlings at the same time. The aspects of planning are a good group activity as well. Each group will need to study the planning chart to see if they can plant what they want.

Most of the schools participating in Project Pickle have at least three raised garden beds so the classes interested in the planning unit can break up in to groups of three or more to plan for planting in one bed per group.

Planting chart

The attached planting chart shows when vegetables can be planted. For this unit children should consider spring , summer and fall plantings. We will grow at least three crops this year. Summer plantings will be done by high school and University students according to the wishes of the individual planning groups.

No Rules

I lied....only one rule and that is that at least one bed at each school is to be dedicated to pickling cucumbers and at least one pickling spice. The students are required to research what pickling spices are (there are many so no rules here either).

Each school will be a little different and that is good because they will be asked to share their plans with the other participating schools via the secure Project Pickle website www.bycoop.ca. We will forward login information to each school so that students can write about their farms and post photos of their work to share within the district.

“Farmer Mike” will be available to come to your class and explain the unit to your class so please check your schedules and book your time unless you would like to do the Planning to Plant unit on your own.

Happy Planning!



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Herb and Flower Planting Chart

Herbs & Flowers	LEGEND												
 Start Indoors			———— Direct-seed			*** Transplant			⌒ Cover		** Transplant & Cover	
	WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			FALL			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
HERBS													
Basil				————	***							
Borage				————	————								
Catnip		————	————			————					
Chives		**	————								
Cilantro				————	————	————							
Dill				————	————								
Fennel				————	————								
Lavender		————		****				————				
Mint		————									
Oregano			****	————							
Rosemary			****	————							
Sage			****	————							
Summer savory			**	————							
Thyme			****	————							
FLOWERS													
Agastache			****				————				
Alcea (Hollyhocks)			****	————			————				
Alyssum			****	————							
Calendula			————	————					————	————		
Columbine	*****					————	————		
Cone Flowers			****	————				————			
Chrysanthemum			****	————				————			
Cosmos		————	————								
Digitalis		***	————					————			
Echinops		****										
California Poppies			————	————						————			
Marigolds		————	————									
Nasturtiums			————	————								
Phacelia			————	————									
Poppies		————	————						————	————			
Sunflowers			————	————									
Sweet Peas		————	————					————	————		
Verbena		****	————								
Viola	****		————	————						
Zinnias			————	————									
Wildflowers			————	————					————				
GENERAL													
Perennials			****	————							
Biennials			****	————			————				
Hardy Annuals			————	————									
Half Hardy Annuals			****								
Strawberries	****							

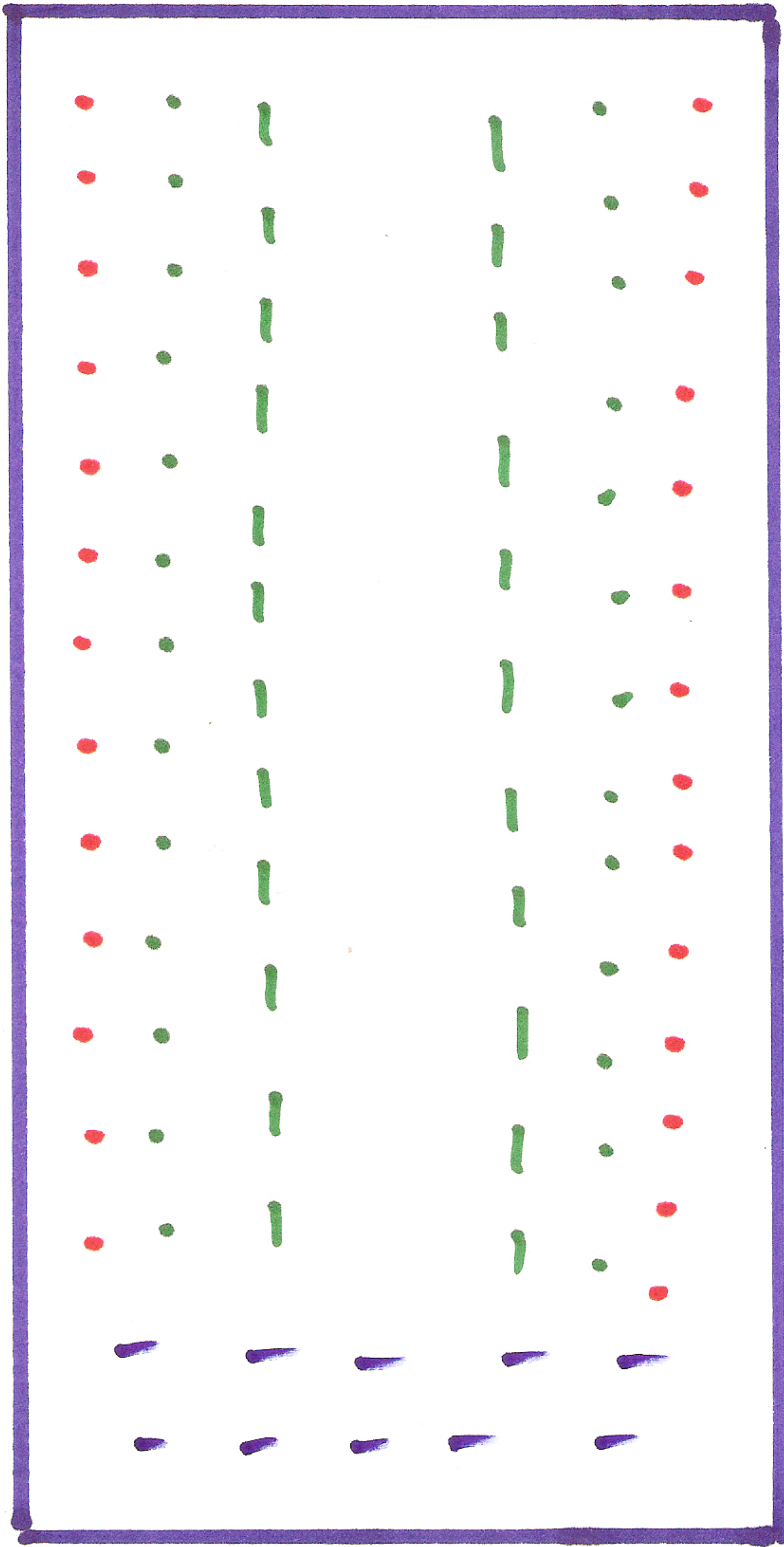


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Vegetable Planting Chart for Coastal BC

Vegetables	LEGEND											
	WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			FALL		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Artichoke				**							
Asparagus		***							
Arugula			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				
Broad beans		—————	—————	—————						—————	—————	
Soya beans					—————	—————						
Beans bush & pole					—————	—————	—————					
Beets				—————	—————	—————						
Broccoli			—————	—————	—————	—————					
Broccoli overwinter						—————	—————					
Brussels Sprouts							**				
Cabbage			—————	—————	—————	—————					
Cabbage overwinter							—————					
Carrots				—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				
Cauliflower			**	**	**					
Cauliflower overwinter							...	**				
Celery/celeriac			—————	**					
Corn						—————	—————					
Corn salad			—————	—————				—————	—————			
Cucumbers				...	—————							
Eggplant					—————	**					
Endive/Radicchio			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					
Fennel		—————						
Garlic		—————						—————	—————	—————		
Kale & Collards			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					
Kohlrabi				—————	—————		—————					
Leeks		—————						
Lettuce			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	**			
Melon				..	****							
Onions sweet			**								
Onions storage			—————	—————								
Onions overwinter							—————					
Onions scallions			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				
Pac Choi		—————	—————	—————	—————			
Parsley				—————							
Parsnips			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					
Peas		—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					
Peppers					—————	**					
Pumpkin				—————							
Radishes		—————	—————	—————	—————			—————	—————	—————	—————	
Rutabagas						—————						
Spinach			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	**		
Squash				—————							
Swiss chard			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					
Tomatoes			**	*							
Turnips			—————	—————	—————	—————	—————					



LEGEND

- ... BEANS
- - - LETTUCE
- ... CARROTS
- - - CUKES