

FOG Meeting Agenda - 12-2-08

1. Record Keeping: Garden parents keep a garden journal (or just email me) documenting what is planted in the beds and when; keeping track of plant growth each week, what activities the class perform in the garden each week, etc.
2. Compost program: currently there are two parts to the composting program. There are the worms bins (one wooden worm bin and three plastic can o' worms in the tool shed as well as an additional wooden worm bin next to the greenhouse in need of some upkeep) and the compost bins near the back fence. Currently, food scraps/lunch items/coffee should be directed to the worm bins and all plant material from the garden should be directed to the compost bins. Discuss Revolution Foods new serving ware that can be composted.
3. Trash in the Garden: remove cans and institute a "pack in/pack out" policy. Signage?
4. Volunteer Opportunities: there are many tasks that need volunteers such as Spring Fest; grant writing, compost coordinator, etc. Let me know of anyone interested.
5. Spring Fest: need volunteer coordinators now to start planning Spring Fest (Sunday, May 31, 2009)
6. Garden Curriculum: reminder to garden parents and teachers that there are grade-level garden curriculum binders in the teacher's lounge and Life Lab curriculum workbooks available with lots of good garden activities.
7. Garden Bags: ongoing sale of garden bags. Organic cotton tote bags with MV Children's Garden logo. One for \$10; two for \$15.
8. Garden work day tasks: rebuild worm bin, patch roof in shed, plant flower bulbs; plant cover crops in pumpkin patch, plant any remaining beds, plant reading circle with perennials, mulch beds with straw, spread wood chips on pathways; weed herb bed; affix signs to each bed, fertilize orchard. Whole Foods will again be hosting with snacks and refreshments.
9. Nutrition and Wellness Committee partnership with garden: any ideas how best to collaborate; ideas about prepared items from the garden to be made with classes (salads, herbal teas, baked goods, etc.). Please email me with suggestions or recipes.
10. Other ideas for the garden's future:
 - Install Garden Compass Rose
 - Install Lee's Kiwi Teepee
 - Plant Bare root fruit trees and berries
 - Owl box
 - Irrigate orchard

Rainwater collection