

# THE green gazette

## happy fall from the garden

**A**fter a wonderful summer break, we are so happy to see students back in the garden working together, learning, and of course...getting their hands dirty!

Project Green had a productive summer fine-tuning our garden curriculum and identifying and securing the important grants needed to provide our partner schools with the best possible educational experience for their students.

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*With gratitude,*

*Gina*  
Gina Johnston



## Project Green NEWS & NOTES

### GRANT UPDATES

#### Raley's

Project Green recently secured a **Raley's** grant which was used to purchase garden supplies, tools and materials for several schools: **Lake Forest, Jackson, Rescue and Green Valley Elementary Schools.**

And a huge congratulations to **Pleasant Grove Middle School's** garden coordinator Jacquelyn Estes, who wrote and secured a significant grant from Raley's that will be used to expand their garden!

#### El Dorado Community Foundation

We also helped secure a significant grant from the **El Dorado Community Foundation** for **Marina Village Middle School** and **Lakeview Elementary's** planned garden expansion.



**Latrobe Elementary School** received a generous grant for their garden from the **Latrobe Fund.**



# Project Green

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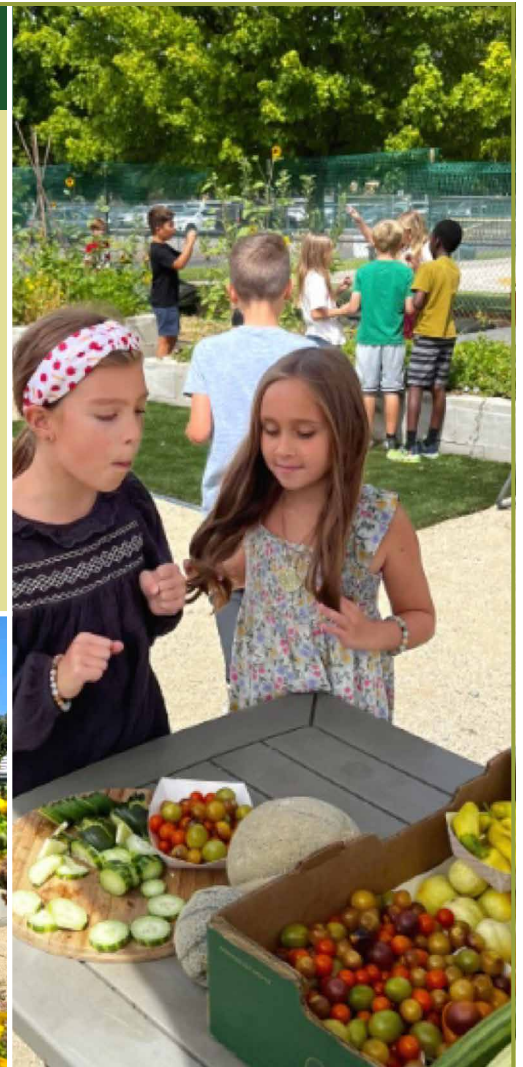
# GARDEN UPDATES

Keep an eye out for the beautiful new shade pergola Project Green purchased for the **Rescue Elementary** garden and **Jackson Elementary's** brand new greenhouse that we contributed funds toward.

And don't forget to check out the recently completed Eagle Scout Projects at **Jackson Elementary**

(natural habitat kiosk) and **Pleasant Grove Middle School** (deer fencing around the garden).

Project Green is also in the process of installing deer fencing while **Project Luma** adds a beautiful new mural at **Pleasant Valley Middle School** in Placerville, one of our newest partner schools.



RESCUÉ  
ELEMENTARY  
*Rescue*

PLEASANT  
VALLEY  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
*Placerville*



## PROGRAM UPDATES

We are thrilled to announce that Lake Forest Elementary math intervention instructor Dana Bayliss is now writing Project Green's curriculum!

Dana taught outdoor education for four years in Coloma Outdoor

Discovery School and is currently earning a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Our partner gardens have already started lessons with the new curriculum and Project Green will continue to provide hands-on monthly curriculum for our dedicated garden coordinators who work so hard to maintain their gardens for students to enjoy every day.

## in the news

A huge thank you to **Rescue Union School District** for the wonderful write-ups featured in the *Village Life* recognizing **Marina Village** and **Pleasant Grove Middle Schools'** new **Certified Wildlife Habitat gardens** and a feature about our **continued partnership!**

# — BUSINESS — SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Just like our gardens need sunshine and nourishment to bloom, Project Green simply cannot grow without the generosity of our donors.

We are always looking for corporate sponsors in order to keep the gardens in our community growing.

Email us for more info:  
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## quotes from the garden

**“I was just watering the plants in the garden, and I realized how happy it made me feel!”**

6TH GRADER

**“OMG I don’t want to leave. I completely forgot that I was even at school!”**

7TH GRADER WHEN THE BELL RANG AT THE END OF LUNCH RECESS

**“The garden is the happiest place on earth!”**

3RD GRADER

**“This is the best day ever!”**

KINDERGARTENER DURING THEIR GARDEN LESSON

## MARTHA'S CORNER

*veggie of the month*

# Let's grow some carrots!



Carrots are an easy-to-grow vegetable perfect for your winter garden! They come in a variety of root types, shapes and colors, so have some fun with your selection. Here are some useful tips:

- Pick a sunny location with at least 6 hours of sun each day.
- Plant seeds ¼ inch deep in rows 12" apart and cover lightly with soil.
- Water daily to ensure good growth. Water gently to keep seeds intact where they are planted.
- Plants emerge in 14-21 days.
- After carrots sprout, thin the plants to 3 inches apart.
- Pull weeds around the carrots so they have room to grow.

Temperature matters! Seeds germinate best when the soil temperature is 55-65°F. Carrots grow best when air temperatures do not exceed 75°F and temperatures down to 32°F do not seriously damage plants. Roots are generally mature 70-100 days after planting. Carrots can be harvested when the roots begin to size. Loosen the soil and pull up the plants by the tops.

Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A, as one 7-inch carrot supplies 270% of the daily vitamin A and 10% of the vitamin C requirement!

Column written by Project Green Board Member and Master Gardener **Martha Hutchinson** of Martha's Landscape and Garden Designs.

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