

BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Mountain View School Gardens

Year: 2025

*Number of **Active Members**:
5 Certified MG
2 Associate MG
3 Parents/GP
2 Retired Scientists
5 Occasionals

*Number of **Public Contacts**:
3 School Open Houses x 30 **parents =90**
9 classrooms (27 **students**) x 3 contacts in Garden or
Classroom) **729**

*Number of **volunteer hours** (estimates are fine): This is difficult to estimate:
Average of 6 Team members coming for 2 hours 20 times for garden work =240 hours
Average of 3 Team Members coming for 1 hour of classroom /garden time time 20x = 60 hours
Planning/communication/curriculum development 100
Estimate of **400**

Purpose of Committee: Education of elementary aged students regarding elements of the garden/gardening by employing hands on experiences in the classroom and in the garden. This includes learning about cycles, seed, pollination, pollinators, soil, garden, planting, nutrients(fertilizer), flowers, vegetables, proper harvesting, garden maintenance and tool use,and tasting/eating what is grown.

Goals for the year:

After beginning rebuilding the garden in the Spring of 24 and working with 2 classes:

- Work with all 9 classes in the classroom and in the garden with each student experiencing planting and eating something from the garden.
- Learning seasonal lessons
- Continued expansion of the working space and learning activities. Greenhouse build
- Have Fun

Events/Activities:

*Information needed by Treasurer for annual IRS filing

Differentiating types of seeds under the microscope, planting and tasting microgreens, observing kinds of propagation, planting food based seeds and plant starts for harvest and consumption, planting native and pollinator seeds for insects, birds, etc., Beanie Baby activity with K and 1 grades, planting wheat, observing and harvesting and threshing wheat, garden maintenance thru weeding, path making with our Wood Chip Bucket Brigades, starting a pollinator garden, noting planting failures(voles ate the potatoes), having plants to take home (zinnias, holiday cactus, beans), have a grande finale in the cafeteria with garden grown food(salad with lettuce, carrots, radishes, pea pods and of course croutons).

How have your goals and events met the educational mission of BCMGA? Yes

Has your committee had opportunities to meet the needs of underserved populations?

Because Mountain View is a Title 1 school, many students are at poverty level. And inherit in schools are multiple variations on populations of underserved people.

How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?

Our present plan is to work on ADA structures and methods for students with special needs to be more inclusive including either a permanent or temporary solid pathway, a higher raised bed, and a quiet space for students who get overwhelmed by all the activity, and more sensory plantings.

Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee: