

# LAPHAM SCHOOL GARDEN

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## OUR MISSION:

The goal of our garden is to integrate experiential learning into the educational opportunities of every child.

A garden is both a teaching & learning garden that: provides a venue for observation & inquiry which form a foundation for lifelong love of science; exposes students to hands-on environmental education and provides opportunities for engagement with the natural world; enhances curriculum by connecting to the natural world and our community; provides students with the opportunity to grow food and eat it, building opportunities to promote healthy nutrition, establishes a school-based ecosystem; offers parents and the surrounding community an opportunity to engage with the school, building social capital in the community; necessitates a program that will self-sustain itself from year to year; is planted according to a schedule that takes into consideration the regular school year; makes the school site more attractive and welcoming; provides an opportunity to integrate the various programs at the paired school sites.

## WHAT WE GROW:



Our favorite plants to grow are those that bring kids into the garden to dig, snack on, observe, study and journal about.



Sunburst orange tomatoes are one of the students' favorite snacks to find in the garden.



In the fall, the students dig up potatoes and cook them up in their classrooms.

## TIPS:



Our central compost area is used to observe how some of our food waste turns into one of the most important parts of our garden-soil!



We have a gardener in residence through Community GroundWorks who coordinates our garden planning, planting & other activities.



We used straw and leaves from the school grounds to put our garden to bed in the fall.

## OTHER SUCCESSES:

Community Reinvestment Grant from the Willy St. Co-op.

Red Caboose summer program enjoys and uses the garden during the summer.