



Ryan Road Garden Appeal 2020

Hello R.K.F. Ryan Road families. Believe it or not, we have a lot planned for the garden this year. Due to the school being closed this spring, Hope was able to use some of her spring hours to do some much needed maintenance and re-building some rotting beds. We also have another plumb tree planted, a load of composted manure being delivered, and a small garden expansion planned. The focus this year will be on fall crops so the kids have a lot to look forward to when they return. All these plans mean we are ready to coordinate work days and a summer watering schedule. We hope that families interested in helping can use this opportunity to help kids feel connected to school and be invested in the great garden program we are fortunate to have.

WORK DAYS: We have 3 work days scheduled for beginning, mid and late summer. Work sessions will focus on maintenance, construction, and planting (hoping kids will be around for planting). We are requesting that families and volunteers sign up ahead of time so we can maintain social distancing guidelines. If there is great interest, we will add dates to accommodate as there's always enough work. We have created protocols to follow current safety standards, including that everyone must wear a mask. We will email those who have signed up about additional safety measures regarding tools and equipment usage. It won't be too complicated.

Please email Sarah Madden smadden@northampton-k12.us or Stacia Potter stacia.spotter.potter@gmail.com to sign up for work days.

Work day	time	RSVP by
June 2	4:30-6:30	May 28
July 14	4:30-6:30	July 9
August 18	4:30-6:30	August 13

SUMMER WATERING: Our beautiful garden is fortunate enough to get full sun. That's great for the plants, but hard to keep things well watered. You can volunteer for as little as one time or commit to a schedule that works for you. To volunteer or if you have questions, please email Stacia stacia.spotter.potter@gmail.com . You will be granted access to a google doc, which includes a calendar for claiming watering days and instructions. Instructions include shed lock

combination, tips for setting up the hoses, and some other helpful information. Garden committee members will be attending to the garden at least once a week. If enough families volunteer to water, then committee members can focus on weeding and maintenance.

We look forward to another productive year in the garden. If you are interested in joining the garden committee or have any questions, please reach out.

Sincerely,
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