



CREST

**Center for Research in Environmental Science and
Technologies**

West Linn-Wilsonville

School Garden Program



Who we serve

We provide science and research support to all 16 WLWV schools

- **Primary Schools**

- Boeckman Creek
- Bolton
- Boones
- Cedaroak
- Lowrie
- Stafford
- Sunset
- Trillium
- Willamette

- **Middle Schools**

- Athey Creek
- Inza R Wood
- Meridian Creek
- Rosemont

- **High Schools**

- West Linn High School
- Wilsonville High School
- Riverside High School

My Position

- School Garden Coordinator for Primary Schools
 - Support from parents
 - Support from facilities (repairs, building new construction etc)
 - Support from groundskeeping (irrigation, debris removal etc)
 - Support from operations (safety and security of space, planning with the bond team etc)
 - Planning with teacher teams and principals
 - Donations and Volunteers
- Current Programming Focus
 - K
 - 1
 - 2
 - Adding on more grades each year

Kindergarten

- We are Garden Scientists
- We investigate Weather
- We explore Life Underground
- We explore life above ground
- We share the garden with others

Late April through May













- Scavenger hunts
- Tool safety
- Connections to literacy in the classroom
- Weather
- Underground Critters
- Setting the tone for the next year

1st Grade

- Garden as a System
- How a Garden Supports Living Things
- Sharing the Ecosystem
- Using Ideas from Nature to Solve our Problems
- Putting it All Together

Early March-Mid April









2nd Grade

- What is a garden?
- Who lives in the garden?
- Pollinator and pumpkin connection
- Plant and flower parts and their roles in pollination
- Modeling Pollination

End of September-Early November













Projects continuing this year...

- Fresh Food Tasting Program
- Districtwide CRUNCH event for National Farm to School Month
- Native Plantings
- Pollinator Garden Installations
- Modifying Gardens for Wheelchair Accessibility
- Updating Gardens/Making Repairs

How you can help!

- School mini grants
 - Targeted Donations
 - Fred Meyer
 - Seeds/Tools
- Service time
- Coaching/Advice/Knowledge
 - Pruning Workshop
 - Perennial Care

Questions?