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Can You Dig It? Gardening Club is a Huge Hit at Harmony Elementary School



dening gloves to help them in their quest to create a working garden at Harmony Elementary School.

Dr. Witherspoon promoted the idea of the club and even took a state sponsored certification course to prepare for the club's inaugural year. She has been extremely pleased with the level of student enthusiasm as well as the effort students have shown.

In the coming months the club also plans to welcome guest speakers and community volunteers to their club meetings as they ramp up towards planting their garden.

If you would like to donate any items or learn more about volunteering, please contact Dr. Witherspoon at jwitherspoon@iss.k12.nc.us.

When students at Harmony Elementary School signed up for their favorite club this year the new Gardening Club was the top choice of over two dozen students. Led by Dr. Jodi Witherspoon, the club meets twice a month on Friday afternoons to learn about gardening and planting, while also working to beautify the Harmony campus.

The results are already showing as students learned about how to use tools, planted

pansies, and cleaned out overgrown areas in the school courtyard. When the weather warms up the students will begin planting flower beds, vegetable beds, and a herb garden. They will also begin work in the Harmony greenhouse that was constructed on campus last year.

With a limited budget, the club created a wishlist and has received numerous donations ranging from seeds to tools and gar-

TES Spreads Compassion



Troutman Elementary's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Team held its 3rd Annual "Spread the Cereal This Time of Year" Cereal Drive Class Challenge!

Between December 11th-19th, FCA members encouraged all students to donate boxes of cereal and other nonperishable breakfast items such as Pop Tarts, grits, oatmeal and cereal bars to donate to The Blessing Box located at Troutman Town Hall.

This drive allowed students to talk about how they could show the character trait for the month of December—compassion. Students displayed compassion for members of the Troutman community in need by donating items. The Troutman Elementary School Resource Officer, Officer Lyon also got his daughter's cheerleading squad involved at North Iredell. The squad donated breakfast items to help the Troutman community.

This year's Cereal Drive Class Challenge winner was Ms. Beaver's 5th Grade Class.

Lake Norman Elementary Beta Club Celebrates Kindness



The Beta Club at Lake Norman Elementary School has committed to help spread kindness with a positive word and some cheer each Friday. So every Friday, the Beta Club members line the entrance ways of the school and greet fellow students as

they enter the building with a high five, fun cheers and kind words. This initiative by the LNES Beta Club has turned into an event that students and staff look forward to each week.

Lakeshore Student Competes in National Competition



Nathaniel Ingram, an eighth grader at Lakeshore Middle School, recently competed in a national level Cross Country competition in Tallahassee, Alabama.

Nathaniel finished 83 out of 199 runners in his division with a race time of 14:56 for 4k. That's an incredible 5 minutes 36 seconds per mile and he even obtained that time in a torrential downpour!

As an eighth grader at LMS, Nathaniel is in the Beta Club and on the Honor Roll.

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