

# What's Growing On?!

The Gardnerville Elementary School  
GIFT\* Garden SPRING 2025 Update



## Special Thank You's

A Huge Thank You to the ladies of the **Nevada Gourd Society** for conducting an amazing series of Necklace Gourd Workshops at our Garden. Their creativity, attention to detail and dedication were evident in every part of the experience. From start to finish, it was clear how much heart went into these events. Each of the four workshops had a unique theme - flowers, fish bowl, butterfly, and basket - with matching gourd and bead patterns that made each project special. ★ Special thanks to Jeanine Hudson for her creativity, preparation, and inspiration behind the event! We'd also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the following individuals for their generous help and support: Ann Bothwell, Sallie Craig, Ellen Dailey, King Ebner, Gerry Futoran, Laura Hickle, Cherie Jewett, and Carol Zdeba.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Audrey Conley and LJ Whitaker Charitable Fund** and **Lauren O'Neill** for their generous donation in support of our school garden. Your contribution helps keep our garden growing—providing students with hands-on learning, outdoor experiences, and a deeper connection to nature. Thank you for helping our garden thrive!

Our deepest thanks to **Lauren O'Neill** and the students of **Sierra Lutheran High School** for once again volunteering their time and energy to clean up and prep our garden for spring planting. Your twice-annual cleanup days are a true blessing to our little garden, and we're so grateful for your continued support and service.

Thank you also to **Sierra Peaks** for supplying and delivering wood chips to keep our garden looking good.

## What's Growing This Spring?

Our students have been busy planting both indoors and outdoors. This season, we've added: Radishes, Carrots, Kale, A variety of lettuces, Potato towers, Peas, Fava beans, "Three Sisters" planting: corn, green beans, and pumpkins.

Plus, several students designed and created new planter box signs to help label and beautify our growing space!

## Summer Help Needed!

We're still looking for volunteers to help with summer watering and garden maintenance.

If you're interested, please email Amber at [awalling@dcscd.k12.nv.us](mailto:awalling@dcscd.k12.nv.us).

Volunteers get to enjoy the fresh produce too!

## Support the Garden

Donations are always welcome and appreciated.

To contribute, please reach out to Amber at [awalling@dcscd.k12.nv.us](mailto:awalling@dcscd.k12.nv.us).

Thank you for being part of our garden community!



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Our students have been hard at work spreading wood chips, planting seeds, watering, and keeping our wonderful garden thriving!

## Highlights this season:

- 1) Gourd Necklace Workshops
- 2) Sierra Lutheran High School's bi-annual volunteer clean-up day
- 3) Maintaining garden beds with care and teamwork
- 4) Hands-on planting of potato towers

We're so proud of their dedication and grateful for all the helping hands that keep our garden growing strong!

\*GIFT=Gardnerville Inspiring Farm to Table (established 2018)