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THE BUZZ

HELLGATE GARDEN NEWSLETTER



What we're learning...

During the last 2 weeks in April, we encouraged classes to explore the garden. Each class started off with a tour of the garden to see what's already growing!

While some of the younger kids worked on using all 5 senses to explore, the older students did a taste test to try radish and lettuce sprouts.

A few responded saying it tasted like "minty grass", "spices with garlic" or even like "slime"!

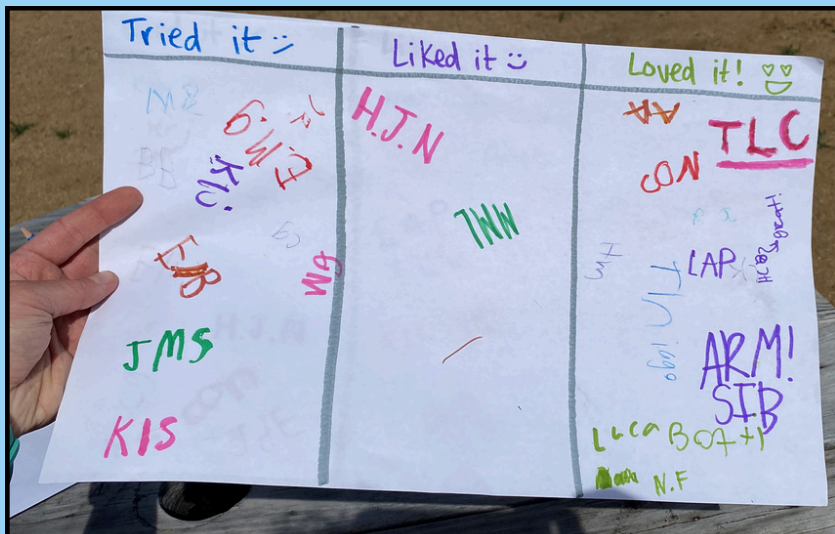
Here is a visual of their reactions to the new foods!

What is coming up?

Though it may rain and snow this month, summer will arrive! We are looking for people to help out harvest, weed, and tend to the garden!

We would love to have folks sign up to adopt the garden for a week over summer break!

If you are interested, **sign up here** or email Arysa: apuckett@hellgatesd4.k12.mt.us



Harvest of the Month: BEEF and BISON

Beef/Bison and Broccoli Bowl

Ingredients

- Rice or soba noodles
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soy sauce
- 1Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 Tbsp hoisin sauce
- 1 12 oz sirloin steak, cut in thin strips
- 2 cups broccoli
- 1 sliced onion
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sliced green onions

Directions

- 1.) Cook rice or noodles according to package.
- 2.) Combine soy sauce, cornstarch, and hoisin sauce to create marinade. Add meat, toss to coat, and set aside.
- 3.) Heat oil in a large skillet on high heat.
- 4.) Move meat to pan, reserving marinade. Cook for 2 mins or until brown and remove from pan
- 5.) Add broccoli, onion and carrot to pan. Cook 4 mins. Add marinade and bring to a boil. Cook 1 minute.
- 6.) Add beef and cook until warm.
- 7.) Sprinkle with green onions and serve over rice or noodles.

If you'd like to get involved, we have a list of current needs out in the garden. We'd also love it if you followed us online to get the most recent updates! Our website and facebook and instagram accounts are linked below!

[Link to current garden needs](#)

Want to get involved?

Follow us on Instagram: [@hellgateschoolgarden](#)

And **Facebook**

Check out our website

or email us at: apuckett@hellgatesd4.k12.mt.us