

# Allen East Mustang Garden Program



## We're READY!

Allen East Elementary (Grades K – 4) has made a lot of progress with our garden project even through this crazy year.

- We have received many grants to help get a garden bed for each grade level!
- The committee found the perfect place to start building! Our garden beds will be located in the middle courtyard outside the library.
- The beds have been built thanks to the Allen East High School FFA.
- Classes are starting to pick what they would like to plant.
- The dirt is scheduled to come to fill the beds thanks to RD Jones!

## Want to get involved?

Toward the end of the year, we will be sending home a summer sign up sheet for students and volunteers to help take care of the garden beds. This would be a great opportunity to see what your students have been working on, a great family activity, and the opportunity to take some plants and vegetables home.

Want to donate? We are still looking for any garden related materials.

## What's Next?

Students will finish out the school year learning to plant and take care of their garden beds. They will learn how to plant seeds, use tools, and water.

## What are the Benefits?

- Providing opportunities for hands-on learning, inquiry, observation and experimentation across the curriculum.
- Motivating kids to eat and love fruits and vegetables.
- Promoting physical activity and quality outdoor experiences.
- Supplying local produce to the students.
- Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables
- Improvement in attitudes towards fruits and vegetables
- Improvement in science achievement scores
- Improvement in social skills and behaviors
- Improvement in environmental attitudes and instillation of respect for nature
- Positive impact on student achievement and behavior