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# WSU Master Gardeners and School Gardens

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WSU Extension  
Master Gardener Program







# Begin with the End in Mind

- Healthy Kids
  - Learning while having fun
  - Connecting to healthy foods
- Healthy Gardens
  - Healthy soil
  - Healthy plants
  - Water!





Lessons Learned

# School Gardens

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- School & Community gardens are 90% community
- 10% Gardening





# Remember Our Goal

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# Garden Infrastructure

- Place
  - 6-8 hrs. sun daily
  - Easy access to irrigation
- Soil
  - In-ground (soil test?)
  - Raised beds
  - Containers





# Building Up

- Involving teachers
- Garden expertise
  - Teachers
  - Parents
  - Master Gardeners?





# WSU Extension Master Gardeners

## MG Volunteers

- Are community educators
- Cannot provide physical labor
  - Building raised beds
  - Hauling soil/compost
  - Digging irrigation



# Local Food

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Promotes sustainable techniques for growing local food to improve individual & community health & wellness.

- Benefits of local food on individual and community wellness
- We all have a role to play
- Techniques for growing fruits and vegetables





# Over the Summer?

- Spring Salad Garden
  - Mix of greens and
  - Early season crops
- Summer care with team of partners





# Ongoing

- Weeds & pests
  - Educational value
  - When in doubt.....
- Expenses
  - Seeds or plants
  - Replacement parts



# Questions?

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