



OCEAN SHORE SCHOOL

# Environmental Action Team

The Ocean Shore E.A.T. group is part of the Ocean Shore School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). OSS EAT organizes the garden and supports teachers and their garden coordinators to teach garden classes, plant, grow, and harvest crops.

<https://osspto.org/programs/environmental-action-team-eat/>





# About EAT

The Ocean Shore Environmental Action Team is currently active mostly in the Ocean Shore Garden, organizing the garden and supporting teachers and their garden parents to plant, grow and harvest edibles, and of course, eat them (pun intended)!

Like you, we are volunteer parents/caretakers with children attending Ocean Shore School!



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# Garden

## Volunteers



### Garden Class Volunteer

- Work with the EAT team and your child's classroom teacher to structure weekly, biweekly, or monthly classes/workshops in the school garden
- Maintain the assigned Garden Bed, weeding and planting as needed
- Grow something to share for Garden Salad Day
- Interested? Contact us, a teacher, or your OSS Ombud

### Garden Helpers

- Show up to **Garden Clean Up Days** (kids, friends, family, neighbors all welcome!)
- Help haul compost from the school garden to your home composting bin (green Recology bin)
- Lead or join a garden initiative
- Interested? Come join a **Garden Quarterly Meeting**

# Garden Meetings

## 2024-25



### Garden Clean Up

(first Sundays of the Month except holiday weekends):

- Sep 8
- Oct 6
- Nov 3
- Dec 1
- Jan 5
- Feb 2
- Mar 2
- Apr 6
- May 4
- Jun 1

### Garden Quarterly Meetings

- Aug 26
- Oct 28
- Jan 27
- Apr 28

# Garden Initiatives



- Greenhouse Revamp
- Garden Fundraising/Grants
- Garden Plant Shop
- Annual Salad Day
- Monarch Butterfly Fellowship
- Garden Composting
- Garden Inventory Management
- Garden Facilities (drip system, solar, etc)



Interested in volunteering? Have ideas you'd like to take the lead on?

Please email:

[oss-eat@googlegroups.com](mailto:oss-eat@googlegroups.com)



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# Example Curriculum

## 2023-2024 FIRST GRADE GARDEN CLASS SUMMARY



For Michelle's class, every first grader for the '23-'24 school year should have brought home at least one garden journal where the first graders made notes of their activities. Below is the list of the weekly topics and themes we covered. If you have questions or want to discuss, my email is: [josephinedeciron@gmail.com](mailto:josephinedeciron@gmail.com). Have a wonderful summer!

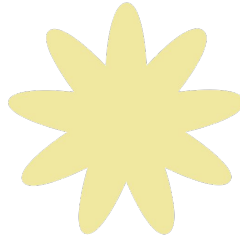
- Carrots & Lettuce, Introduction to Plant Journals
- Topic: Planting Fractals (Broccoli); Class Garden Bed #6
- General Ocean Shore School Garden Tour
- Pollinators and Their Flowers
- Invent a Bug (Bug Vision Glasses)
- Nature Bottles
- Measuring Lettuce & Carrots
- All About Pumpkins
- Harvest Day (Carrots and Lettuce)
- All About Rosemary
- Winter Arrangement to Take Home
- Succulent Arrangement/Winter Bazaar
- Rain Jars
- Winter Garden Prep
- Daffodil Bulb Planting (Comparing growth of daffodils planted in the soil vs. planted in water in a vase)
- Indoor Tomato Plant (Hydroponics) & Free Choice Planting
- Transplanting to New Homes & Meditative Planting
- Mushroom Dissection
- Seed Paper
- Sun paper prints
- Music and Sounds in the Garden
- Sunflowers Part 1
- Weeding Part 1: Preparing Spring Beds
- Weeding Part 2: Transplanting our hydroponics tomato plant and seedlings from January, outdoors
- Sunflowers Part 2
- Monarch Butterfly Fellowship, Part 1
- Monarch Butterfly Fellowship, Part 2
- Garden Bingo / CA Planting Take-Home Packet
- Garden Salad Day During Lunch
- Last Day of Garden Celebration





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# Thank You



Similar to many of the wonderful programs at Ocean Shore School, it takes a village! Any time you can spare to volunteer towards your child/childrens' education is greatly appreciated!



**Questions? Please reach out!**



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