



Lister Elementary School Projects

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1. JAM THE GYM HEALTH FAIR

Scheduled for Thursday November 6 at 6 to 8:30 PM at the Lister Elementary School – 3131 Mars, Garland Texas

Loving Garland Green will have two tables filled with information for the youngsters and their parents at this event. James Roney, one of our members, will bring a popcorn machine. James will also be presenting information on organic pest control. Other items planned for our table include a bat house, a lasagna garden bed demonstration by Charlie, some special planters designed by Gene Rodgers for starting seeds, a basket of free seeds for those who want them, information on organic pest control, and much more.

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS EVENT: Beverly Wardwell, RN who is the school nurse at Lister.

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2. A GARDEN IS IN THE WORKS AT THE SCHOOL

Michael Floyd, a fifth-grade teacher contacted Loving Garland Green regarding the possibility of establishing a garden there at Lister. Michael has already built a greenhouse with his students and he wants to expand gardening to the entire school. We plan to meet Michael tonight and discuss these possibilities further.

In the meantime, we have sent Michael a link a link to an application for a grant from Annie's.

Since you already have a greenhouse perhaps you can leverage that work as an "established garden" and thus Lister will be eligible for the "dig deeper" funding of \$1,500 from this grant for school gardens from Annie's..

That amount of funding would be helpful in getting the program started for you. We may also be able to get some help from the city perhaps in regard to compost bins as well as perhaps we can connect with **Keep Garland Beautiful** and their rain barrel program. It would be nice to have at least one rain barrel associated with the program and two would be even better.

Here is the link to the Annie program http://www.annies.com/giving-back/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens/grant-application?utm_source=annieswebsite&utm_medium=greenbutton&utm_campaign=fallg4g2014

PLAN OF ACTION

It will be fairly easy to apply. I recommend that some of the interested parties sit down together at the computer and fill out the simple online form together.

Here are their instructions for applying in bold:

1. Tell us about your plans for your school garden program. (520 word limit)

Note: Michael, perhaps you can show me on Thursday when we are there the space that is available and what your vision is for this project. Members of Loving Garland Green can create a proposed design for this space within a week. This design would include the materials needed for the build (which of course determines the money needed for the project).

2. Describe how the garden will be used to teach sustainable gardening practices (520 word limit)

Just one small example: children can encourage their parents to stop using their garbage disposals at home and use vegetable scraps for the school compost. Maybe we can get some local for profit business to provide small plastic containers to set on their countertops.

3. Describe how the garden can be used to teach healthy eating habits. (520 word limit)

I'm sure that you and the other great teachers at Lister can easily build this content.

4. How will your funds be used? (520 word count)

This is essentially a financial section and it will include a price list for all the needed materials for implementing the proposed design.

Share your School Garden photos. Please provide a photo of where the garden is or will be.

We can get a photo of your greenhouse including perhaps photos of children working in/around it as well as the proposed garden space.

This is very exciting and fun, Michael. I think it's very promising for becoming a highly successful venture for us all.