

From the Giving Garden

Connecting Us to Each Other one Tomato at a Time

Ever wonder what the Giving Garden is all about?



The Giving Garden is an outdoor classroom available to all teachers and students to use. Though Primary School students use this space most frequently, students across all divisions work and play in the Giving Garden.

During the summer, families

Rory MacDonald, Willa Peterson, Max Schober '29 are needed to continue the work of their children in order to keep the garden managed and in production. If you are interested in volunteering your time to support the Giving Garden, please contact Christine Henke Mueller at chenkemueller@prairieschool.com.



May 19 Primary School Emily's Day of Science

Once again, the Primary School is getting ready to plant the Giving Garden as part of their Emily's Day events.

The Greenhouse

During the winter and spring students work to plan and plant. Seedlings are started in the school's greenhouse for spring planting.



STUDENT CLUBS

1

Clubs initiated by students help to manage and sustain the Giving Garden

LUNCHES

2

Our chefs in the kitchen use produce in our lunches!

RCFB

3

During the summer, produce is donated to the Racine County Food Bank.

The Compost

Composting is an incredible science! The Giving Garden's compost bins are available for students and faculty to use, but there are some guidelines.

- Please place only fruits and vegetables in the compost. Our compost is not able to decompose meat or dairy products.
- Do not....please!....put plastic, wrappers, or other non-degradable items in the compost. A few years ago, The Prairie School moved away from plastic and started using paper straws. It has been many years since we used plastic straws, but they still can be found in the compost bin every time the soil is turned.



Tallgrass Environmental Club Matthew Peterson, US English and Faculty Advisor; Taina Byron '24; Amanda Mosquim '24

The compost always has had its ups and downs. Once again, students (the Upper School's environmental club, Tallgrass) have stepped up to address the importance of systems thinking and understanding how we as a community can reduce our waste footprint.

“Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.” ~Helen Keller

Meet Emma Weaver! Emma is volunteering her time this summer to help coordinate all of our efforts to sustain and harvest the produce from the Giving Garden. Thank you, Emma!

If you and your family would like to help support the school's efforts to foster our connection to the earth, if you are interested in gardening—or want to become so!—if you and your child just want to get involved and be of help to others—than the Giving Garden may be for you. Please contact Christine Henke Mueller for more information on how you can get involved.



Emma Weaver, '25