

## Santa Cruz Area School Garden Open House - Saturday September 12, 2009 - 10:30-1:30

School	School Location	Garden Features	School Garden Information
Main Street Elementary School, K-5	3400 N. Main Street, Soquel From Hwy 1, take the Porter/Bay exit and proceed inland. Turn Right on Soquel Dr. Turn Left on Main Street. Park in lot. Garden is past the Office and to the left, near the playground area	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, gathering areas, whimsical structures/art, drip irrigation system	Main Street's Life Lab program is in its third year. Parent volunteers bring small groups of students to the garden and lead them in pre-scripted lessons which promote good nutrition, sustainable gardening practices, conservation, Earth sciences, etc. In the fall, each class grows a salad bed, which is later harvested for a salad party. Then in the spring, each class plants a "gift bed"...a theme garden which will be waiting for the incoming grade in the fall. Parent and other volunteers participate in monthly "Garden Parties" to help maintain the garden. Additionally, theme beds throughout the campus are planted. Current theme bed projects include the succulent garden, rainbow garden, and butterfly garden.
Bonny Doon Elementary School K-6	Bonny Doon Elementary School 1492 Pine Flat Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060  We have two Life Lab Gardens on our campus. The K/1 is on our Upper Campus and the the Lower Life Lab is on the lower part of our campus. Park vehicles in the lower parking lot off of Pine Flat Road and walk through the breezeway. Pass the picnic tables on the right hand side between Rooms 11 and 12 there is a corridor that will take you to the Life Lab Garden gate.	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, pond, gathering areas, interpretive signage, a kitchen/food prep area, drip irrigation system, alternative tech (solar, grey water, etc.), scarlet runner bean teepee and tunnel covered with honeysuckle	The Life Lab Garden on the Bonny Doon Elementary campus is open to our local preschoolers as well Kindergarten through 6th grade. This fall is the beginning of our third year of "Life Lab" classes where students spend 40 minutes in the garden once a week. Kindergarten and First Graders use both gardens on the upper and lower campus. The 2nd and 3rd grade classes meet in the Lower Life Lab which is directly behind their classrooms. 4th-6th graders have an option to join the "Garden Club" once a week during their recess time. We have a Life Lab Coordinator, Sarah Clarkson, who teaches the classes and organizes parent volunteers. Parent volunteers help teach the lessons as well as do the maintenance of the garden (along with the students).
Westlake Elementary K-5	1000 High Street, Santa Cruz, 95060 If coming north on Mission take a right on Bay If coming south on Mission take a left on Bay Continue all the way up to the 2nd light Take a right onto High Street At the next light take a left into the school Parking anywhere in the lot For disabled access park in the same lot, but then you will need to come down the hill and back up the side road	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, greenhouse, gathering areas, a kitchen/food prep area, drip irrigation system, alternative tech (solar, grey water, etc.)	Westlake's garden has been around for 25 (or more) years. It is used by all grades. The students come out to the garden and participate in our hands-on science curriculum (which ties in with the standards). Each group of 10 students comes out for up to 45 minutes. Not only do we study science, but the kids take part in two planting and harvests each year and depending on the grade they get a salad party or a stir-fry at the end of the year. In between these activities we also study environmental issues, and cover other subjects such as math, social studies, language arts and more.
Green Acres Elementary K-5	966 Bostwick Lane, Live Oak, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060 We have two parking lots at the school, one off Paul Minnie Drive, where the garden is located towards the rear of the school. The other parking lot is located off Bostwick Lane, and the garden entrance is found in this parking area. Wheel chair accommodations can best be met by parking in the front lot off Paul Minnie Drive.	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, pond, gathering areas, whimsical structures/art, interpretive signage, animals (chickens, rabbits, etc.), drip irrigation system	Green Acres was the original site for the Life Lab program 31 years ago. It continues to be a 3 acre organic science garden where students learn life and earth science in a hands on environment.
Holy Cross School	150 Emmet Street, Santa Cruz The Life Lab is on School Street, the first right off of Emmet Street.	annual vegetables	The garden has been planted over the years by many different teachers. The butterfly garden was established four years ago. The garden is in a new and exciting stage with a lot of possibility for growth. The garden is used by the Kindergarten- Fifth Grade for a variety of integrated lessons; including being used for science fair experiments. It is run by the teachers and parents. The garden is funded by a Life Lab Garden Sale and the Parent's Association.

Gault Elementary K-5	1320 Seabright Ave, Santa Cruz, 95062 Gault School is on the corner of Seabright and Broadway. The garden is next to the the playground and can be accessed from Broadway, Effey or Sumner Streets. The garden is wheelchair accessible.	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, pond, greenhouse, gathering areas, whimsical structures/art, interpretive signage, a kitchen/food prep area, alternative tech (solar, grey water, etc.), certified schoolyard wildlife habitat	Gault School's Life Lab is a garden-based science and nutrition program that serves 400 K-5 diverse students. All students learn to plant, harvest, cook, and observe nature's cycles in our outdoor classroom. They grow produce for our cafeteria salad bar and prepare dishes in our "green" kitchen which features recycled glass countertops, solar ovens, on demand hot water, greywater recycling and an old fashioned pump. Students learn to conserve resources through solar cooking, water conservation and worm composting. Our Life Lab has been designated a Schoolyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation for our efforts to provide food, water and shelter for wildlife and their young. Each K-5 student visits the Life Lab biweekly for hands-on science and nutrition lessons. During lunch recess 1-5th graders may explore and care for the garden and small pond in the Life Lab. The program is run by a garden educator, and a nutrition educator and is supported through the SCCS district, Gault PTA, Nutrition Network grant, various other grants, community donors and volunteers. During fall and spring work days, our families gather to help with garden maintenance and special projects. <u>The garden has been in existence for 25 years.</u>
Gateway School K-8	126 Eucalyptus Ave, Santa Cruz, 95062 located on pelton and west cliff. park on pelton or in church parking lot	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, pond, greenhouse, gathering areas, whimsical structures/art, interpretive signage, a kitchen/food prep area, drip irrigation system, alternative tech (solar, grey water, etc.), student led activities	Program is 21 years old, 18 years at current site. approx 1/4 acre. Life Lab science instructor, part time farm manage, iinterns, and parent support help to sustain this thriving program. Two annual fundraisers a year help to fund the program.
Valencia Elementary	Valencia School Garden 250 Aptos School Road Aptos Take Hwy 1 to State park drive exit Turn right at lights onto Soquel Drive Continue through Aptos Village until you reach stop sign at Trout Gulch Road Turn left onto Trout Gulch Follow to Aptos School Road Turn right follow into campus Garden is in the back of the school. Park in parking lot and walk around gym building. Our garden is accessible to wheel chairs	annual vegetables, fruit trees, composting area, pond, greenhouse, gathering areas, whimsical structures/art, interpretive signage, animals (chickes, rabbits, etc.), drip irrigation system  <b>Dine Out to Support These School Gardens. Various restaurants will be donating profits of an evening to Life Lab Gardens. visit <a href="http://www.lifelab.org/openhouse.php">www.lifelab.org/openhouse.php</a> to learn more.</b>	The garden was reborn in Spring of 2000 . It is used and taken care of by 100's of students from K to 6th grade supervised by Karen Richmond, a Kindergarten teacher who loves to garden. It is maintained with seasonal crops growing all year round. We make our own compost, harvest and replant our home grown seeds and eat the profits :)  We have 4 waist high wheel chair accessible "L" shaped planting boxes encircling a small patio for gathering. A trellis spans the patio with young grape vines just taking over. Herbs and flowers to attract pollinators line the fence line. We have a bean TEPEE , an apple tree, 2 lemon trees, strawberries and another small growing area in the back. Our newest addition will be a box turtle habitat under construction soon.  A large work table provides adequet space for a whole class to do activities. Our large greenhouse is always sprouting with new life.  I am proud to tell you that our garden is primarily funded by the generous donations of time and money from our families. It is definately a family affair ! :) Many have over the years devoted countless hours to make the garden the beautiful place that it is. We also were blessed and took advantage of the State Grant 2 years back which enabled us to do some substantial rennovations. Our Home and School Club also devotes a portion of their budget to our garden as well every year.  It is a labor of love enjoyed by all. :)

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