

Good Evening Dr. Wise and the School Board Members

Thank you for inviting us to the School Board Meeting. We are happy to be here tonight! We have been working so hard on our garden.

We have some members presenting tonight. They include -
Caroline, Lucas, Hazel G, Cardereon, Arya, Rorie, Emma P,
Breigh, Dean, Avery, Luis, Isaac, Anthony, Alex, and Mady

We hope you enjoy our presentation.





The Ide Garden Club

Started on January 10, 2025
By: Students at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School

Cardereon

Summer Watering Program

Seven families help water our garden this summer



Mady

Look at us grow! We had so many vegetables and flowers.



Hazel G

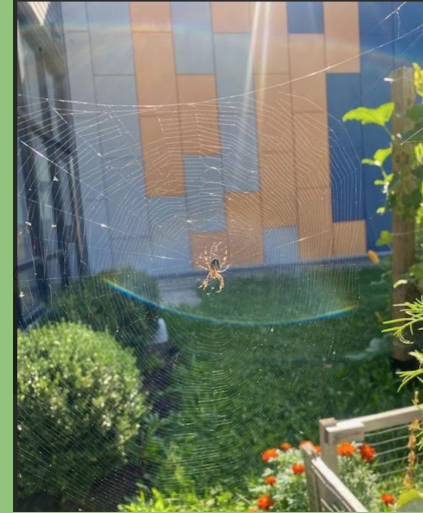


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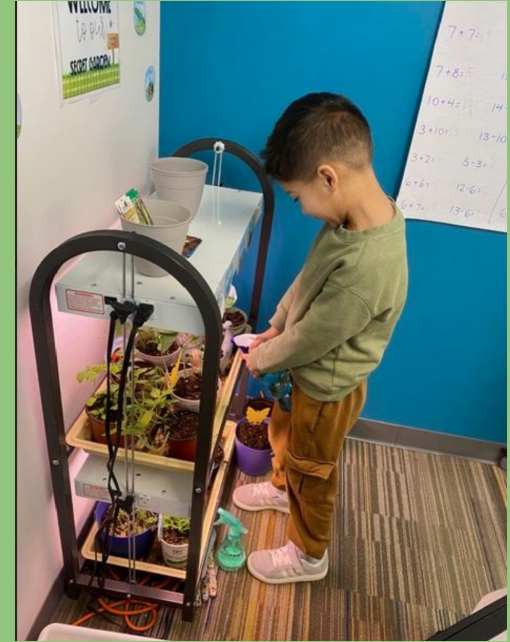
August Harvest -
We had zucchini, tomatoes,
carrots, green beans, and our
pumpkins really started growing!



September Harvest - our pumpkins got really big, tomatoes kept coming and lots of carrots



The Secret Garden was started in September in Mrs. Tran's room. We found out that plants like artificial light but natural light much better!



Rorie

October Harvest - We had so much fun with potatoes. This was such a fun surprise because they all grew underground. We shared a lot of potatoes with the Ide staff.



The Ide Garden Room was started in January 2026.



Caroline



We have our first sprouts! We were very happy.

Luis

We planted outside in empty milk cartons.



Anthony

Gardening in Mrs. Tran's room. She really loves to plant with us.



Lucas

Daily Jobs include:
watering, pruning,
repotting and
composting.



Emma P

We have the first peas and green beans of the 2026 season.



Hazel G.

Growing Food For Spike - Mrs. Tran's Bearded Dragon
He loves our green beans, cilantro and basil. He will come for his yearly visit at the end of the school year.



Gifting Plants to Others

We love to spread the joy of gardening with our teachers and families.



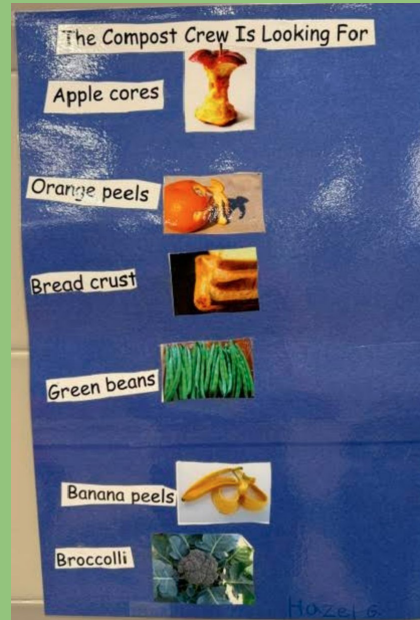
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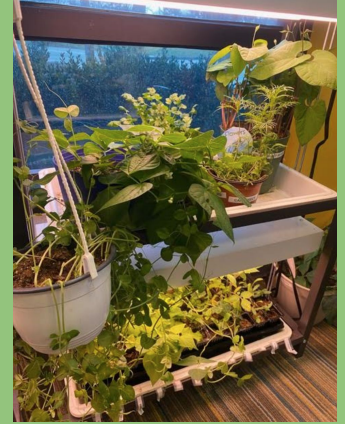
Team Work Makes the Dream Work at the Ide Garden



We started the compost crew this year. We learned about the benefits of composting. We collect certain items in the lunchroom in big green buckets. We made posters to share with our classmates to teach them about composting. We add the items to the compost bin and then give it a spin.



Our Garden Room In Full Bloom. Ms. Maren loves to do a lot of her Social Work groups in here. It is very peaceful.



Rorie

Preparing for Spring Break

We have many helpers to prepare for Spring Break. Ms. Sorn will take care of our big plants. Then we are splitting up the smaller plants and caring for them at home. Some garden members are going on vacation so we will help each other out.

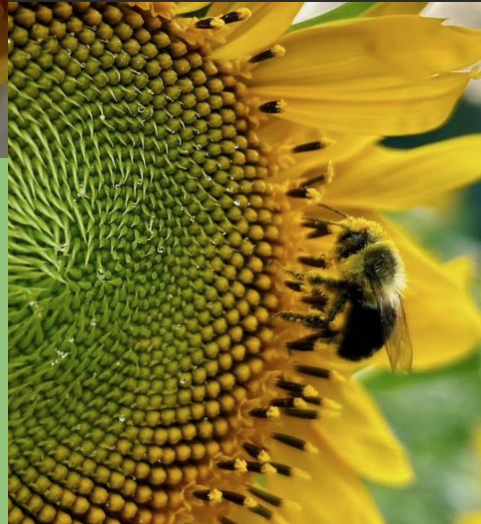


Our Plants Came Back To Ide.
They all looked green and healthy.
We are great gardeners!



Avery

We learned about insects and pollinators.



Luis

Our plants got so big!!



Anthony

We have so many seeds donated to us from Glory Gardens. We shared sunflower seeds with all 1st graders and tomato seeds with 2nd grade classrooms.



We had worm castings donated to us by Northern Illinois Worm Farm. They are also going to show us how to make our own vermicomposter - worm bin. We will keep it in the library.



Woodridge Garden Club

The Woodridge Garden Club has given Mrs. Tran a grant to use to build new garden beds. Dylan Tran has built these garden beds and trellis as a part of his Eagle Scout project. These beds were built in April. New additions will continue to be added in May by Dylan to help beautify our garden at Ide.



Mrs. Tran

Planning for the Outside Garden



We did research on companion plants. This will help us with our garden bed plan.



We needed to get our plants ready for the colder weather.
We will bring them out most days to let it get used to the
temperatures and their new home.



Moving the Plants Outside - The new garden beds are done. We moved the plants outside.



Mady

This year we will be adding a potato tower. We got some straw from Mr. Eli's donkeys to use in our tower. We can't wait to see what happens with it.



Emma P

What We Have Grown

Vegetables -

Peas, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Carrots, Lettuce, Pumpkins, Squash, Basil, Tomatoes, Peppers, and Potatoes



Flowers-

Wild Flowers, Hummingbird Flowers, Sun Flowers



We hope you enjoyed our Garden presentation!

We wanted to give all of you seeds so you can start a garden at home too.

Do you have any questions?

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