



Greenhouse/Ag Program Board Report

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The greenhouse program is very busy gearing up for spring! We are scheduled to receive 1000 fuschia, geranium, petunia, calibrachoa, and other plugs this week to be grown and sold in hanging baskets for Mother's Day. We currently have 20+ trays / 1,400 individual vegetable, fruit and flowering plants started for spring plant sales to be held in multiple communities, for addition to school gardens, and for use in hanging baskets.

The Thorne Bay greenhouse has multiple students participating in an agricultural elective who help care for seedlings. They also help with harvest and sales of lettuce to the food service program and to the public during Thursday "open market" hours. The community has been very supportive. Elementary classes are participating in weekly plant science classes and preschoolers visit the greenhouse every day.

Naukati students planted many, many fast-growing vegetable seeds in their greenhouse to be harvested before the end of the school year. We'll see how they fare in the cold temperatures.

The Coffman Cove greenhouse is still in the midst of repairs. Pipes have not yet been replaced and fish will not be added to the system until temperatures rise. Plants are being started by students and teachers for addition to the greenhouse system and for spring sales.

Amanda Kiely is currently working on a Specialty Crop Block Grant for \$50,000 for the Coffman Cove Greenhouse and a smaller rural community grant.

