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Greenhouse/Ag Program Report April 2023

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We have received our spring flower plugs and are busy transplanting them into baskets and pots for the Mother's Day Plant Sale.

Tentative Plant Sale Dates:

Saturday May 6 - Coffman Cove - small potted flowers and some vegetable starts

Saturday May 13 - Thorne Bay - This will be the BIG Mother's Day hanging basket sale - potted flowers and vegetable starts will also be available

Saturday May 20 - Hollis



Thorne Bay elective students have been a HUGE help in greenhouse management, preparation for spring plant sales, and getting the outside raised beds planted. We continue to offer weekly lettuce sales in Thorne Bay to the community and are providing lettuce for the SISD lunch program from this greenhouse. Greenhouse manager Amanda Kiely has led multi-week instruction and growing experiments with Thorne Bay 3, 4, and 5th graders and planting activities with Pre-K, K, 1, 2, and 3rd graders.



The Coffman Cove greenhouse is still in the midst of repairs. Water pipes to the grow beds have not yet been replaced. Volunteers David and Hesperus Keys are beginning to cycle water into the fish tanks to prepare for the addition of fish, and are starting many plants for spring sales.

The invite-only Specialty Crop Block Grant application has been submitted. This would fund a \$60,000 Coffman Cove greenhouse employee and experimental growing project for the 2024 growing season.

