

## SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greenhouse and Agricultural Program Update May 2, 2022 Amanda Kiely

Spring is here and plants are growing in the SISD greenhouses!

The Thorne Bay Greenhouse has successfully started weekly open hours selling baskets, starts, and fresh lettuce to the public. Nearly every student at Thorne Bay School has participated in a greenhouse activity this spring, the high schoolers helping tremendously with planting and garden prep during their 2 week gardening elective.

Coffman Cove Greenhouse has overcome many challenges and is preparing for our first big sale of 2022 on May 7, and weekly sales thereafter. 600 heads of lettuce have been planted so far and many more vegetable plants are entering the aquaponic systems as spring progresses. The greenhouse program has also held gardening and planting programs with students in Hollis and Naukati and done work in those greenhouses.

Commercial sales are in the works with upwards of 100 heads of lettuce pre-sold weekly to grocery stores in the area. Plans are also in the works for bi-weekly farmers stands in Craig throughout summer.