



School District 63  
(Saanich)

# Cordova Bay Elementary

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## GROWING YOUNG FARMERS SCHOOL PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, we have established an outdoor garden, located near the entrance to the front parking lot. Through the efforts and generosity of PAC and community members we have been able to do the following:

- ~install fencing to prevent deer from eating the garden areas
- ~provide alder chips for footing
- ~provide some soil for the establishment of the beds
- ~provide 10 lessons for 8 classrooms

We believe that students of all ages learn best when they can see, smell, touch and taste their learning. Through the Growing Young Farmers' School program, the students of Cordova Bay have been able to participate in 4 garden-based lessons (so far) that connect classroom activities with the food they eat.

Their hands and feet have become dirty in the process but we feel this experience has been very valuable. The students have been encouraged to learn about and eat vegetables that they may never have eaten before. In fact, they may convince you to start a vegetable garden near your home.

We are hoping that you will take advantage of supporting our school's organic food garden by becoming a garden sponsor. Business or personal cheques made out to School District 63 (Saanich) will receive a tax receipt (minimum of \$25.00).

Thank you for considering a donation to this Cordova Bay Elementary initiative. Please send cheques or cash to Cordova Bay Elementary, with an indication of how you would like the money to be spent. We are looking forward to seeing our program grow!

### Options for donations include:

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| ___ sponsoring a class for a year's worth of lessons (\$40 x 10 lessons) | \$400             |
| ___ purchasing a cubic yard of soil (with soil amender)                  | \$100             |
| ___ Please use where it is most needed                                   | ___ (your choice) |

\_\_\_\_\_ total donation      \_\_\_ cheque      \_\_\_ cash (please indicate name for tax receipt)

\_\_\_\_\_ printed name