

News release



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View Ridge Elementary plants seeds of stewardship

Students grow flowers, vegetables and learn science in new school garden

View Ridge Elementary students celebrated the start of spring on March 20 with a grand opening ceremony for their new raised beds. Parents, staff and students watched as each of the seven classes that requested a raised bed claimed their plot with a sign and ceremoniously planted the first-of-many flowers in the beds.

Students will grow vegetables and flowers which will be used for school events. The project will grow to include a compost bin, filled with school kitchen compostable waste, which will go back into the soil, helping young students understand the science and stewardship behind that cycle. The garden will also be used as an outdoor classroom in which students engage in hands-on science lessons.



Students plant primroses to welcome spring in their new garden

View Ridge Elementary Principal Kert Lenseigne shared, "We plan to make this garden a retreat for students, where they can learn about the growing cycle, tend the garden and build positive relationships with each other."

View Ridge Elementary PTA donated the tools and equipment needed to build the garden, and key staff, including Theresa Townsell and Heidi Davis, helped grow energy for the project throughout the school. Families, staff and community volunteers built the garden beds and shed.

The school has arranged for the Boys and Girls Club to tend the garden in the summer and during school breaks.

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