

# OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION 4-H School Gardens Tour



*A tour of five school gardens in the  
Portland Metro Area*



Extension Service

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- **Keys to Success** that ensure school habitats are maintained, sustained and used
- **How schools have transformed their school grounds** into food gardens and wildlife habitats
- **Critical role of training and supporting 4-H volunteers** to ensure project success and sustainability
- **Improved student science interest and knowledge** through 4-H projects and curriculum
- **Increased parent involvement and community partnerships** which results in improved student academic performance across all curriculum areas
- **Education resources and tools** that are most effective
- **Supporting teachers in the classroom** with trained 4-H Volunteers
- **How to get involved** with these projects

## COST

\$20.00

*(includes bus transportation,  
morning refreshments, lunch  
and information packet)*



Mary Woodward School (Tigard, OR)

## TO REGISTER

visit our website at [www.4hwildlifestewards.org](http://www.4hwildlifestewards.org)

**August 31, 2010**  
**8:30 am-4:30 pm**

4 A program of 4-H Sustainable Living  
Schools and Clubs



**Terra Nova Community Farm** at Terra Nova High School is a small student run farming program. With the guidance of an experienced farmer, the students run the day to day operations of the farm. The main goals of the program are to educate students about sustainable agriculture, small business management and build community around the farm. They currently offer 32 CSA shares and intend on growing with each year.

**Mary Woodward Elementary School**

has been a 4-H Member School since 1998. This project is primarily parent driven and they have raised over \$100,000 to support their school gardens with many partners. The school gardens include a wetland walkway, outdoor classroom, greenhouses, raised vegetable beds, a compost demonstration site, and much more.



**Tualatin Elementary School**

began their 4H project shortly after the 4-H Sustainable Schools Workshop in the fall of 2009. A core group of teachers, school maintenance staff, and an OSU Master Gardener left the November workshop ready engage all 569 students and 67 staff in the planning process. It has provided endless opportunities for education about sustainability, organic gardening, wild spaces, and nature. Staff have committed to integrating the garden into all subjects including writing, science, and math. The Project includes a strong focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship with a composting program, collecting rain from the roof for watering, a wetland and stream project, a native plant study site, and food from the garden to supplement fresh vegetables served in the school cafeteria.



*"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder . . . he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, the excitement and mystery of the world we live in."*

*Rachel Carson  
"The sense of Wonder"*

Oregon State University Extension 4-H invites you to our 4-H School Gardens Celebration Tour of five Portland area schools who have developed and sustained food gardens, wildlife habitats and green technology on school grounds for learning across all subjects



**Bolton Elementary** students in West Linn have worked with ProGrass to develop a food production garden in the heart of the school grounds. Students and families helped to construct the garden space in which classes of students have been learning about seeds, plant development, and a variety of other concepts. The garden has been planted by students who are watching it change and grow almost daily. The garden is tended by students during the school year and by volunteer families over the summer. All food harvested is going to the West Linn Food Pantry to support local families in need. There are future plans for a "kid kitchen" at Bolton that would support hands-on nutrition education for students and families.



**Candy Lane Elementary**

in Oregon City is a bilingual K-6 school and serves many Latino youth. Learn how this school is working with parents and the local community to develop a dynamic outdoor garden space with raised beds for vegetables, wildlife habitat, rain barrels, outdoor classroom, fruit trees, community garden, and the most recent addition - a green house. Learn how this school has engaged kids from multicultural families by developing culturally appropriate recipes to use with food from their garden.

