

**SPECIAL
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The Benefits of Gardening

By Damani

Our garden has lots of healthy choices to pick from. We have vegetables, fruit, and other healthy things. The garden provides fresh produce for students and staff to enjoy. Students work with staff members to create healthy nutritious items to be sold at the weekly student-led Farmers



Markets during the summer time school hours. The garden provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn hands on job skills in the area of gardening. The garden is a nice place.

It's therapeutic and it's a very interesting place to be. It's a change of pace from the classroom. It's a great way to get out any energy or frustration. The garden provides an outlet from many things and it's physical labor.

A Day In the Garden

A rap by MJ

With my class, I step foot in the garden

beg your pardon

Did you ever hear that people grow in the garden

So we go to the garden

With our shovel

The people are working hard and on the double

did you hear we don't cause no trouble

We learn how to work independent and we're tough

With all the stuff

And then we see worms

We have to watch out because they got germs

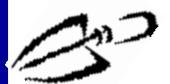
And then we see the geese

And he put on his fleece

And that's our day in the garden



Find our garden online!
<http://edibleschoolyard.org/program/jen-school-garden>



The Peaceful Garden

By Robert

Through my deepest desire which is confined to me, the garden has been the greatest experience to me. It gave me a sense of



hope and assurance. It was like life was put back in me and gravity was put back in life. Life is the only joy we have. God bless all and keep up the good work Maryville Jen staff.

Christian likes to “help” in the garden.

Garden Artwork

“I love to pick asparagus!”
-Robert,
Jen School
Student



Artwork by Clarissa

Rhubarb and Strawberry Tart

(Serves 8 people)

Ingredients:

For Filling:

- 1/4 c. sugar plus 3 tbsp. sugar
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 1/2 lb. rhubarb, peeled, cut into 1/4 in. cubes
- 1 pint strawberries, cleaned, hulled and cut in half
- 1 tsp. grated lemon zest
- 1 tsp. fresh ginger
- 1 tart crust
- *Use store bought crust for easy assembly

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees

2. For filling, combine 1/4 c. sugar, 2 tbsp. flour, rhubarb, strawberries, lemon zest, and ginger in a medium mixing bowl (Reserve 3 tbsp. of sugar and 1 tbsp. of flour for step 7)
3. Stir until all ingredients are combined
4. Sprinkle 2 tbsp. of sugar and 1 tbsp. of flour over center of tart crust
5. Pour fruit mixture into center of tart
6. Fold 1 1/2 inches of pastry edges up

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- around the fruit, making pleats
7. Brush pastry with water and sprinkle the remaining 1 tbsp. of sugar over pastry and fruit
8. Bake about 40-45 minutes, or until fruit filling is bubbling and crust is nicely browned
9. Let cool 20 minutes on wire rack
10. Add French vanilla ice cream for a treat

In regards to our master gardener's dog, one student says, "we love Chico and being in the garden!"
-Archie

Comic Corner

Comic By Clarissa





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**At the Jen School,
it's all about you!**

Our organic garden was created in 2007 to help students with special needs learn about nutrition, science, and math. It helps them with basic life skills, develop their social skills, provide them with vocational training and employment opportunities, and instill a life-long love of gardening. Each spring, students shop for seeds, plants, and tools and turn over the soil to prepare it for planting. A large variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit, and flowers are planted annually in the 28 garden boxes the boys built themselves. The garden program has been very therapeutic for our special needs young men, helping to keep them calm, relaxed, and in control of their emotions and behaviors.

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Garden Word Search Ms. Sue

Can you find all 27 words? Challenge yourself to learn about the garden!

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- asparagus
- bean row
- blueberries
- cucumbers
- fertilizer
- fruits
- garlic cloves
- Kildeer eggs
- lawn mower
- lettuce
- orchard
- potato eyes
- pruning
- pumpkin seeds
- raised beds
- rake
- raspberries
- seedlings
- shovel
- strawberries
- tomatoes
- trellis
- trowl
- vegetables
- watering hose
- watermelon
- weeding