

## “Adopt a Kellyn School Garden”

Kellyn Foundation educates 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in the classroom and in the “Garden as a Classroom.” The education focuses on healthy lifestyles and learning how to garden.

**Adopt a Garden:** Teams of 2-6 participants will work together to maintain and manage a School Garden for the 2022 growing season. Assigning a “Garden Team Lead” who has gardening experience helpful!

### **Volunteer Job:**

**Early season (April-May),** Kellyn is engaging with the students, but there may be some need for mulching or minor bed repair that the volunteer team could help with.

**Beginning in June,** weekly visits by some of the team members to lightly weed, water and prune if necessary. During Harvest season, members can harvest to ensure that the garden keeps producing and either give to the community or take home for usage.

**Mid-August,** As the season progresses, there will be a second planting of some produce.

**By late October,** garden cleanup, compost, minor repairs and putting to bed for the winter become the main focus.

### **Skill sets:**

Comfortable working outdoors/gardening throughout the growing season, vegetable gardening/farming experience helpful but not necessary, managing, and teaching and wellness interest a plus. Assigning a “Garden Team Lead” who has gardening experience helpful! Kellyn will train garden novices 😊

### **Tools Required for each team:**

Garden gloves, weeding tools, hand shovel, garden shovel, garden rake, wheelbarrow for mulching and soil replacement, potential need for screw gun for bed repairs.

### **Options:**

1. With current school clearances, team members can assist Kellyn with the educational components of the “Garden as a Classroom” programs
2. With school clearances, team members can engage the families and students in the neighborhood with our Farm Market program, which teaches students the business of farming by having a farm stand at the school. Marketing, profit and loss, the value of farming and how important it is to their wellness are key components of the program.

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