



# Didion Garden

## “What’s the Dirt?”

Fall 2017

### **Hello Garden Friends,**

In an attempt to get more students and families involved in our school garden, we are putting together a newsletter that will focus on current events in the Didion garden. The goal will be to send it out at the beginning of each school trimester.

We would like to put together a group of Didion parents and friends who are interested in what is going on in our beautiful garden. The idea is to keep all those who are interested in the garden involved and updated on current plantings and projects. We also need a group with ideas and input to share.

What’s Growin’ On . . .

### *Garden Grant*

Heather Davidson found a school grant program offered by Garden Education Foundation which I applied for a few weeks ago. The dollar amount for this grant ranges from \$500 to \$1500.00. I plan to look for more grant opportunities in the future. If you know of any, please let me know.

### *PTA Funds Soil Enrichment*

Thank you to our Didion Forum for funding the soil enrichment project. It makes a great difference to have rich soil for our plants.

Thanks to Heather for getting the planters filled with the soil.

### *Fall Planting*

We have a large collection of winter vegetables that have been planted. Our kindergarteners and second graders planted a variety of lettuces from seed; first grade planted carrots and radish from seed; third grade seeded our ever-popular sugar snap peas. In addition, we are growing broccoli, cauliflower, Romanesco, onions, broccoli rabe, Brussel sprouts, and beets. I’m not sure how much else we can fit in the garden, but I’m always willing to find a place.

**Didion Harvest:** We are hoping to have enough lettuce and vegetables to harvest in January. The idea of having a day to give thanks and celebrate our harvest has recently been discussed. We are hoping to have the kids enjoy

### *Projects Ideas*

**Native California Garden:** How about a native California garden adjacent to our existing garden? The goal would be for students to research native plants, design a landscape, and plant the natives. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

**Butterfly Bushes:** Thank you to David Nielsen for donating milkweed plants for our garden. We are hoping to attract a larger number of butterflies for the kids to enjoy.