Lower Columbia School Gardens - Monthly Planting Guide

Our Preferred Varieties

Different varieties are better-suited to certain seasons and/or our area (Maritime NW, Zone 8b). The following varieties are those which we have found to do well in our Cowlitz County School Gardens, are just plain delicious or were "kid picks". Just because a variety is not listed doesn't mean you shouldn't grow it. If you have a variety you would like to recommend, please let us know at info@lcschoolgardens.org. Our list is ever growing and changing!

Seed Saving 101

Visit these links for more info on saving seeds: http://www.seedsavers.org/learn   http://www.nativeseeds.org/learn/seedsaving
Easy-to-save seeds are marked with an *asterisk* in the list below.

Slow Food USA – Ark of Taste: varieties marked with a **#** are found on the Ark of Taste, a listing of various foods with strong cultural and regional connections at the risk of going extinct. For more information, visit http://www.slowfoodusa.org/ark-of-taste

ARTICHOKE*	Green Globe
ARUGULA*	Sylvetta
ASPARAGUS*	Jersey Knight (from crowns)
BEANS, DRY (BUSH)*	Jacob's Cattle#
BEANS, DRY (POLE)*	Good Mother Stallard, Cranberry, Tiger's Eye
BEANS, FAVA*	Broad Windsor, Aprovecho
BEANS, SNAP (BUSH)*	Provider, Maxibel
BEANS, SNAP (POLE)*	Blue Lake, Fortex, Kentucky Wonder, Violet Podded Stringless, Rattlesnake
BEANS, YARD LONG (POLE)*	Red Noodle (so fun!)
BEANS, SCARLET RUNNER*	Painted Lady, Scarlet Emperor
BEETS	Chioggia, Early Wonder Tall Top, Cylindra, Bull's Blood, Red Ace, Golden

BROCCOLI	De Cicco, Umpqua, Thompson, Sorrento, Purple Peacock
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Roodnerf, Nautic
CABBAGE	Farao, Ruby Ball, Derby Day (aka Golden Acre), Danish Ballhead
CARROTS	Yaya, Romance, Scarlet Nantes, Purple Haze, Merida (fall/overwintering), Red Dragon, Danvers Half-Long
CAULIFLOWER	Amazing, Purple of Sicily, Veronica (Romanesco), Snow Crown
CELERY & CELERIAC	Utah, Brilliant
COLLARDS	Georgia, Champion
CORN, FLOUR*	Painted Mountain, Oaxacan Green Dent
CORN, POPCORN*	Dakota Black
CORN, SWEET*	Golden Jubilee (only plant one variety of sweet corn, no matter what variety you choose)
CUCUMBERS*	Straight Eight, Marketmore, Lemon
EGGPLANT	Millionaire, Black King, Prosperosa
FLOWERS, EDIBLE	Jewel Mix Nasturtium*, Empress of India Nasturtium*, Calendula* (any variety), Borage*, Grosso Lavender, Royal Velvet Lavender, Chives*, Gem Marigolds, Bee Balm, Dianthus, Bachelor Buttons, Salvia, Sunflowers - many vegetables and herbs have edible flowers as well, Arugula, Broccoli, Mustard, Okra, Squash, Scarlet Runner Bean, Strawberry, Agastache, Basil, Chervil, Cilantro, Dill, Fennel, Lavender, Oregano, Sage, Thyme
FLOWERS, for BEES & GOOD BUGS	Phacelia (Bee's Friend)*, Mammoth Sunflower*, Arikara Sunflower*, Bachelor Buttons*, Buckwheat*, Cosmos*, Chives* & Garlic Chives*, Oregano, Mint, Crimson Clover, Borage*, Grosso Lavender, Royal Velvet Lavender, Anise Hyssop, Catnip, Alyssum, Butterfly Weed, Echinacea, Bee Balm*, Zinnia*, Lobelia, Portulaca, Yarrow, Dahlias, Hops, Hellebore, Goblin Flower, Gaillarda*
FLOWERS, ORNAMENTAL	Snapdragons, Rudbeckia, Penstemon, Delphinium
GARLIC	Inchelium Red#, Lorz Italian#, Spanish Roja#,
GREENS	New Zealand Spinach*, French Sorrel*
HERBS	Long Island Mammoth Dill*, Fernleaf Dill*, Santo Cilantro*, Caribe Cilantro*, Italian Flat Leaf Parsley*, Moss-Curled Parsley*, Culinary Sage, Chocolate Mint (keep contained), Oregano, Genovese Basil, Garlic Chives, Lemon Balm, Barbeque Rosemary, French Tarragon, Bay Laurel, Epazote, Pineapple Sage, Winter/German Thyme

KALE*	Lacinato/Dino/Nero di Toscano/Black (all names for the same variety), Red Russian, Wild Garden Kales Mix (Territorial), Tronchuda, Winterbor
KOHLRABI	Superschmelz, Blaril
LEEKS	Giant Musselburgh (Winter-hardy), Bandit (Winter-hardy), Zermatt
LETTUCE, SPRING*	Red Sails, Valmaine, Simpson, Flashy Trout's Back, Winter Density, Two Star, Salad Bowl, Amish Deer Tongue#, Mesclun Mix, Wild Garden Lettuce Mix (Territorial)
LETTUCE, FALL*	Valmaine, Amish Deer Tongue#, Crisp Mint, Provencal Winter Mix (Territorial)
MELONS*	Moon & Stars Watermelon#, Sugar Baby Watermelon
MUSTARDS*	Wild Garden Mustard Mix (Territorial), Spicy Green
OKRA	Red Burgundy
ONIONS, BUNCHING/SCALLIONS	Evergreen Bunching, Red Baron
ONIONS, STORAGE	Cortland, Red Zeppelin, Red Bull, Rossa di Milano
ONIONS, SWEET	Walla Walla (can also be grown for bunching onions)
PARSNIPS	White Spear
PEAS, SHELLING*	
PEAS, SNAP*	Sugar Sprint, Cascadia, Sugar Ann
PEAS, SNOW*	Oregon Sugar Pod II, Oregon Giant
PEPPERS, HOT*	Anaheim, Early Jalapeno, Ancho, Pizza, Beaver Dam#, Fish#
PEPPERS, SWEET*	California Wonder 300, Italian Sweet, Gatherer's Gold, Mini Bell, Jimmy Nardello#
PERENNIALS	These are plants that can become a permanent fixture in a garden and don't need to be replanted every year. Many herbs fall into this category but this space is for plants aside from herbs: Egyptian Walking Onions, Multiplier Onions,
POTATOES*	Yukon Gold (Early), Yellow Finn (Mid), Kennebec (Late), Russian Banana (Late), Ozette# (Late)

PUMPKINS (ORNAMENTAL)*	Dill's Atlantic Giant, Howden, Decorative Gourds
RADISHES*	French Breakfast (Kid pick!), Cherry Belle, White Icicle, Easter Egg, Watermelon (plant early!)
RUTABAGAS & TURNIPS*	Joan Rutabaga, Golden Ball Turnip
SPINACH*	Tyee (All-Season), Winter Giant (Fall/Overwintering), Bloomsdale Savoy, Olympia
STRAWBERRY, EVERBEARING	Tri-star
SUMMER SQUASH & ZUCCHINI*	Tromboncino, Costata Romanesco, Black Beauty, Patty Pan
SWISS CHARD*	Perpetual Swiss Chard, Bright Lights (aka Rainbow or Five-Color Silverbeet), Fordhook
TOMATILLOS & GROUND CHERRIES*	Purple Tomatillo, Mexican Strain Tomatillo, Aunt Molly's Ground Cherry#
TOMATOES, SLICING*	Mostly heirloom varieties: Brandywine, Black Krim, Cherokee Purple#, Japanese Trifele, Oregon Spring, Stupice, Willamette, Taxi, Persimmon, Jaune Flammee
TOMATOES, CHERRY*	Sungold, Chocolate Cherry, Sweetie
WINTER SQUASH & PUMPKINS (FOR EATING)*	Small Sugar Pumpkin, Winter Luxury Pumpkin, Baby Pam Pumpkin, Sugar Hubbard#, Waltham Butternut, Kabocha, Delicata, Thelma Sanders#, Acorn, Spaghetti, Boston Marrow#, Candy Roaster#, Sibley#,