

Activities at ROOTS Community Garden

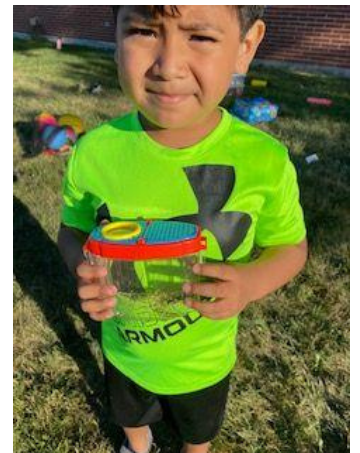
Roots Community Garden is open and thriving! POC began on May 22nd with a large group of volunteers made up of ECDEC families, Baird and Warner staff, Master Gardeners, Prince of Peace Church Members, Harper Promise Students, and ICompete Palatine Park District employees. Since that day, we see the joy of meeting 3 times per week for fun, conversation, play, and hard work as we tend to and care for the many vegetables, fruits, and herbs we have planted. We are learning together as we get our hands dirty, and fill our souls with delight!



Families Working Together

This year POC invited the ECDEC Preschool families to garden with us. Adults chat and bond as they plant, till, hoe, weed, water, and lovingly grow their plants. Master Gardener, Raj, taught us about the benefits of planting together the 3 sisters, corn, beans, and squash, and identifying new seedlings from the weeds! The families expressed so much gratitude for their time at the garden, and a desire to continue gardening at ROOTS for years to come!

Activities such as Music and Movement, Storytime and Crafts, and Science Experiments focus on gardening, insects, and nature. Children learn about helpful garden bugs, make nature collages, sing and dance with the ukulele, and test the acidity of the soil. Harper Promise volunteers and ICompete staff members enrich the time with bubbles, jump ropes, bug hunting, and laugh-out-loud funny games of Duck, Duck, Goose. Kudos to Kim Haas, ROOTS Garden Supervisor and Yasmin Mancilla, ECDEC Preschool Staff!



The Roots Community Garden is a collaborative effort with Partners for Our Communities, Baird & Warner, Cook County Farm Bureau, Northwest Community Healthcare, Palatine Park District, Palatine, Fire Department, and the Village of Palatine. To learn more about POC and ROOTS go www.poc.news, call 847-776-9500, or stop in at 1585 N. Rand Road in Palatine.