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Greetings Trinity 3-8th graders and families –

Here is some information on Trinity's Garden Club. We invite all interested 3rd – 8th graders to meet on **Tuesday afternoons** after school from 3-4:30 during the growing season. Between Thanksgiving and spring break we will shorten meetings to one hour (3-4:00).

We began in spring of 2015 and have been growing steadily since then. We started a composting program at Trinity, where students recycle their lunch scraps into plant food.

Activities are planned based on students' interests. Their input is encouraged in planning projects and experiences. During the school year we work both indoors and outdoors with landscaping, edible gardening, composting, houseplants, blooming plants, cooking and eating food we've grown and maybe a few seasonal treats, and have lots of fun. Students be sure to wear clothing that can get dirty!

During the outdoor growing season, we use 4 raised beds outside. Once it gets too cold, we work with indoor plants and other plant and nature based projects inside. A snack is provided at each meeting, and we ask that you please send a reusable water bottle or cup with your child to reduce waste.

We raise funds for this activity through an annual plant sale and collecting dues of \$10.00 per year. Students must have a completed permission slip on file to participate.

Parent participation is welcome, on a regular or intermittent basis-let me know if you are interested. Extra adults mean we can tackle bigger projects! We plan for 2-3 outings during the year. In past years we have visited an apple orchard, orchid farm, and helped plant gardens for food insecure families. Thanks and hope to see those interested on Tuesday afternoons.

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