

Stan Suring, Co-Advisor, Webster School Garden

After a successful summer harvest of vegetables from the garden at Webster Middle School on Wauwatosa Road in Cedarburg, the students had an active fall. One of their activities was “Dirt Day” in which they helped clean up the garden, planted garlic and reseeded beds with red clover or winter wheat. Also on the agenda that day was the construction of a compost bin assembled from recycled pallets.

A highlight of fall activities was a well-attended bus trip to Well Spring in Newburg. There the students had hands on activities learning about large scale organic gardening, composting, and making apple cider. They took a trip to Barthel Fruit Farm where students learned about apples and the care and maintenance of an orchard.



To reflect a change in focus for these club members the new name for the student group is the “Green Team”. At the Team’s first meeting, the students harvested fresh tomatoes and basil from the garden and made their own pizzas.

Their new role, in addition to planting and harvesting the garden plots and donating the results of the harvest to Ozaukee Family Sharing food pantry. They will use produce in the cooking/healthy eating class. They will study soil testing in their basic chemistry classes. In winter, activities will include setting up a hydroponic garden in the science lab and with plant tissue culturing by cloning African violets, carrots and radish plants.

NOTE: OMG advisors for the Webster School garden in 2013 are Peg Lewis, Marian Kanack, and Stan Suring. Wendy Golden is credited with organization. Teacher Jodi Rogahn is responsible for coordinating students. This is Rogahn’s first year of teaching at Webster. Stan Suring says her background in science and agriculture will be a great asset to the project.