

**The School Based and Community Gardening Coalition
AgriLife Research and Extension Dallas Center**

Purpose of the Event:

On September 24, 2011, we will bring together k-8th grade teachers, support staff, and administrators who share an interest in school gardening. This brief, one day workshop will deliver information in four areas: the research regarding the benefits of school gardening; the horticultural knowledge necessary to sustain a garden; the use in the classroom for the garden across the curriculum; and the resources available to fund a gardening program at a school.

Agenda for the Workshop (8am-3:30pm)

- Key Note: Why school gardening? Can it really make a difference?
- Integrating gardening into the day
 - Break Out 1- Language Arts
 - Break Out 2- Social Studies
 - Break Out 3- Science
 - Break Out 4- Math
 - Break Out 5- Health and Nutrition
 - Break Out 6- Technology
 - Break Out 7- Physical Education
 - Break Out 8- Before and Afterschool
 - Break Out 9- With the Parents
 - Break Out 10- Into the Middle School
- Lunch & Networking
- Lessons in Horticulture
 - Break Out 1- Year One--Starting up a school garden
 - Break Out 2- Year Two--Beginning gardening
 - Break Out 3- Years 3+--Intermediate gardening
- Funding your gardening program
- Wrap up/ Next steps

Cost of the Workshop

\$100 per school group.

Each school is encouraged to bring up to 5 teachers, support staff, administrators or volunteer. Lunch will be provided. Every school participating will leave with a "Resource Bag" that includes over \$500 in resource materials that will be presented over the course of the day. The Resource Bag will provide teachers and support staff with all of the tools necessary to get going in the garden and in the classroom on Monday.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased knowledge regarding the benefits of school gardening
- Healthy, thriving school gardens at participant schools
- Integrated use of the garden as a teaching tool across the curriculum and by multiple school personnel
- Financial sustainability of the garden program at each participant school
- A regional, peer network of educators and support staff working together to ensure mutual success
- Enhancement of the school community environment
- Support of the Coordinated School Health and the CATCH initiative with a thriving school gardening program

Follow up to the Workshop:

On October 29, 2011 from 10-12n, a Garden Tour and Conversation will be hosted at the Promise of Peace Community Garden at 7446 E. Grand, Dallas, TX 75218 for all of the participants of the Workshop to come together to follow up. Teachers, administrators and support staff will have had time to return to their campus and begin to make use of the great resources they received at the workshop. This event will provide time for showing and sharing, questions and answers and networking. From the Workshop and the Follow Up, we will establish regional, peer networks for the school based gardening teams to work within to support and sustain the initiative.