

COMMUNITY

Barbara's Bakery Funds School Gardens

If the Nation's First Lady responds to a big, bundle of handwritten letters penned by Petaluma elementary school students and were to pay a visit to any one of a variety of the city's schools, she would be met with a wealth of horticultural knowledge and hands-on experience in how to make the most of a number of flourishing teaching gardens.

Michelle Obama planted fruit and vegetable seedlings in the new White House Garden this spring, assisted by fifth graders from a Washington D.C. School, inspiring over 300 students at Valley Vista and McKinley Elementary Schools to write her in request of recognition for their efforts in Sonoma County.

"Students were not asking for funding, but merely to make the First Lady aware of the tremendous efforts taking place here in Petaluma to teach sustainable gardening in schools," said Vanessa Passarelli, Coordinator for Petaluma School District Gardens, who spearheaded the letter-writing. "Reading the letters brought tears to my eyes."

Thanks to generous annual PEF grants funded by Petaluma-based Barbara's



Bakery, numerous school gardens throughout the city are already well under way.

"We're delighted to help support so many otherwise under-funded school gardens here in Petaluma," says spokesperson for Barbara's Bakery, Jacquie Perlmutter, pictured above with students at Grant Elementary School Learning Garden. This is year nine of a 10-year \$50,000 commitment by Barbara's Bakery via PEF. Schools which have benefitted are: Bernard Eldredge, Casa Grande HS, CG Native Plant Nursery, Grant, Mary Collins, McNear, Penngrove, Petaluma JH, Petaluma HS, St. Vincents HS, Two Rock, Valley Vista and Wilson.

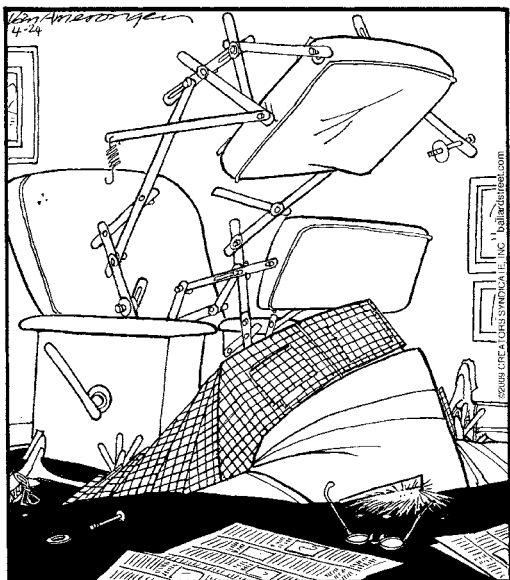
The goal at Grant is to enrich math, plant science and health education curricu-

lums through "green" use of the Learning Garden.

Bernard Eldredge Elementary School's perfectly contained learning garden is based on the Spanish Mission gardens of early California.

At St. Vincent de Paul High School the school's kitchen coordinator will utilize produce to involve student gardeners in cooking classes. Latin class students have designed labels with scientific names of plants and the Art department is designing T-shirts for the Garden Club. Theology teachers plan to utilize the garden for thoughtful meditation for faculty and students. Six hundred pounds of last year's excess seasonal produce from St. Vincent de Paul's Victory Garden was donated to Petaluma's needy through Petaluma Bounty and the Petaluma Ecumenical Project.

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PPSC Golf Tournament Set

It was ten years ago that Lynn Imm and Barbara Madick had the vision for The Wild Rose Ladies Golf Tournament to benefit Petaluma People Services Center. In the past ten years the list of people and companies involved in The Wild Rose has grown rapidly. This year, though, PPSC needs your support more than ever for its August 7 tournament. Play, sponsor a hole, donate an item for the silent auction, or volunteer. Your donation, even the smallest amount, will do good work.

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PPSC has been providing Family and Youth Counseling, Gang Intervention, Homelessness Prevention, Fair Housing, Paratransit, Meals-On-Wheels (hot meals delivered 7-days a week, 365 days a year), Adult Day Care, Meals for Seniors at the Senior Café, Youth and Adult Employment and Training. It's part of Petaluma's proud tradition of helping those in need.

For information about the tournament or how you can help, contact Elece Hempel at 707.765.8488.

Protect Yourself from Summer Sun

Skin cancer is among the few preventable cancers. Yet incidence rates continue to rise. The vast majority of skin cancers are caused by exposure to excessive UV radiation, primarily from the sun. The American Cancer Society estimates that UV radiation was associated with more than 1 million cases of basal and squamous skin cancers, and more than 62,000 cases of malignant melanoma in 2008. Most skin cancer deaths are due to melanoma, and it is estimated that more than one American dies every hour from skin cancer.

Summer doesn't have to be a bummer, though. The Cancer Society encourages you to take the following simple precautions:

Have fun in the shade; avoid the sun between 10 AM and 4 PM.

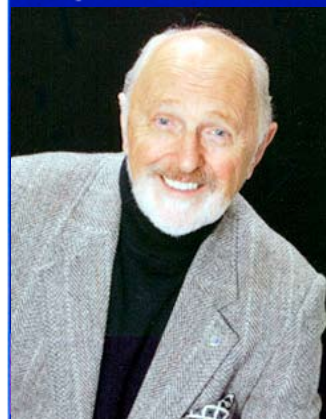
Wear sun-protective clothing when exposed to sunlight.

Properly apply sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher).

Avoid artificial sources of ultraviolet light (e.g. sun lamps, tanning booths, etc).

More information on prevention, early detection and sun safety can be found at cancer.org/sunsafety.

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