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Community comes together to reinvigorate garden at Santa Rosa Academic Academy - Atascadero

School gardens have overwhelmingly positive impacts on students' grades, knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. According to the USDA Farm to School census, between 2013 and 2014 there was an increase of 42% in the number of schools reporting that they maintain gardens where children learn about how food grows. While the percentage of schools with gardens is growing nationwide, schools with higher percentages of low-income students are less likely to have a garden on their campus.

In an effort to increase access to garden-based learning and the benefits it provides for all students several agencies and individuals are coming together to reinvigorate and revitalize the garden at Santa Rosa Academic Academy. On Thursday April 28th students, parents and staff from Santa Rosa Elementary, the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program, Champions after school program, the Kiwanis of Atascadero, and Orchard Supply Hardware in Paso Robles will host a garden work day. The goal of the work day is to revitalize the outdoor classroom and garden and get it ready for growing and instruction over the summer. Orchard Supply in Paso Robles is donating materials and several employees will be helping in the garden. The UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program will provide garden materials, tools and curriculum in support of nutrition education in the garden.

Who: Community members interested in working in the Santa Rosa Academic Academy school garden

Where: Santa Rosa Academic Academy 8655 Santa Rosa Road, Atascadero

What: A fun afternoon of work and play in the school garden

When: Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 3pm-5pm

How: No experience necessary! Bring gloves and tools if you have them.

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