



NH Farm to School Case Studies

Horne Street School
Dover, NH

“Greening the Grounds”, that’s what the Horne Street School’s garden project is called. The garden was started and is maintained by a parent-teacher group led by Sherri Wormstead, Peter Bixby and David Goldsmith. Sherri is the coordinator and communications manager for the garden, Peter is the parent-lead and pro-gardener while David is a teacher who organizes class time in the garden. This is the second year for the 50 square foot garden. This year lettuce, carrots,

cucumbers, broccoli, beans, tomatoes, peas, ground cherries and peppers were planted as well as bok choy, tatsoi and kohlrabi. Volunteers harvest, wash and cut the bounty and the students can have it at snack time or they just eat it while they work in the garden.

Initially the project was funded by a Timberland Community Grant however many local companies including Middleton Lumber donated materials for the garden beds.

The principle, Mike McKenney says “ The garden is an excellent example for many to see where vegetables come from. It has been an outstanding opportunity for children to see the great things that can come from having a garden. Every class was able to enjoy the fruits of the student’s labors. I love to see the students working in the garden and the pride they have in the vegetables they produced.”

NH Farm to School (NHFTS) is a statewide program working to connect NH farms and schools. Farm to school connections enable schools to serve healthy, locally grown foods in their cafeterias, integrate farms, food, and nutrition into their curriculum, and explore food and agriculture-based learning opportunities. NHFTS is a program of the University of New Hampshire's Sustainability Academy, and is grateful for the generous support of Share Our Strength and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

