

St. Joseph School Creates Indoor Gardens

By Kole Dupuis

Tilbury, ON - The Grade 7/8 class at St. Joseph's School constructed indoor vertical gardens to grow food for the Tilbury Help Center.

Vertical gardens are designed to be able to grow crops vertically to maximize space.

You maximize the space by growing them vertically because they are not growing outwards.

"We created the garden to donate food to the help center," said Brandon Vadovic.

"We have 2 of the 7 built and construction is ongoing."

The gardens were built to speed up the growing process. When the weather is nice enough to start planting outside, the plants will be move to the outdoor garden.

With the vertical gardens speeding up the growth process it will help to get more food products for the Tilbury help center.

"The vertical gardens are on casters," said Vadovic. "It makes it easier to transfer the seeds and give them sunlight."

The school still plans to donate the food grown to the Tilbury Help Center and keep some of it for their breakfast club.

Students Farm for Local Charity

By Will McCracken

Tilbury – Last week, students from St. Joseph's school began construction of small vertical gardens to grow food for the Tilbury Help Centre.

Each class will be receiving a garden. Classrooms participating will be responsible for managing one vertical garden. The gardens are made with a recycled wooden pallet and grow plants such as peas, lettuce and cucumbers. The students will be responsible for watering and harvesting the plants.

The foodbank is always in need of food and the people participating believe this is a good way to give back to the community. "Unhealthy food often costs less than healthy food, so this is a way to provide healthy food," said Brandon Vadovic the 7/8 teacher.

Last year the students had an outdoor garden that produced large amounts of vegetables, but the smaller indoor gardens are a way for students to watch and care for their gardens in their classroom. The students are also learning while building. "The garden teaches us about measurement," said grade 4 student Madisyn Brosseau.

Seeds have been planted in two of the seven gardens and students are continuing to prepare for the other five gardens.

Community School Grows Together

By Kady Duquette

TILBURY – Last week, students at St. Joseph School started nurturing their vertical vegetable gardens.

Each classroom is receiving a vertical garden and the students are responsible for taking care of it as a class.

This is an opportunity for students to grow together through collaboration, as well as learn the importance of agriculture.

So far, the students know that plants and vegetables need sun, water, soil and proper fertilization to grow fully.

This has brought students together and is growing the school in a positive way.

Teachers have found that the students are figuring out ways to make the garden healthy. The food will be given to people at the Tilbury Help-Center.

“Taking part in this garden is going to be an amazing experience and I cannot wait until we send the food to people in need,” a student from Kim Boxall’s class said.

Students are growing food and have the ability to help change people’s diets.

The small donations from these gardens may plant the seed in others to do the same.

Students Build Vertical Gardens

By Rachel Harvieux

TILBURY – Students from St. Joseph Catholic School are building vertical gardens for each classroom as an inquiry based task.

All food grown in each class is completely clean and will go to the Tilbury Help Center to help bring a change in other people’s lives.

The gardens will help teach the students real world issues. “Teaching kids about creating a vertical garden will allow them to see that they can be responsible for growing their own food in a small amount of space,” said Brandon Vadovic, the grade 7-8 teacher.

This is an offshoot from the garden located in the school’s backyard, which was created last year by the grade 7-8 classroom with the help of their teacher.

Many classrooms are helping to build these vertical gardens and will continue to help them grow by watering them when needed.

The students started to build these gardens in the middle of February and only have 5 left, they are expected to be finished soon.