



Every Child Deserves a  
Place to Grow





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## Director of Education

- Teacher at two Dual - Immersion schools for 6 years
- MA from San Jose State University in Curriculum and Instruction with Bilingual Authorization
- Joined One Cool Earth in June 2023 as Director of Education







# Mission

**We create garden-based education programs that grow healthy, happy, and smart youth.**







# History

- One Cool Earth founded in 2001
- School Garden program started in 2012
- North County with partnerships throughout
- First Green School certification - 2015 in Atascadero, Monterey Road Elementary
- Everything we do is with our community in mind
- Currently have 6 lead team staff; 12 Garden Educators; 3 supporting staff



# Our Program

## PREMIUM PROGRAM

### Two Days per week

- 6-8 classes taught weekly
- Garden maintenance
- Monthly Garden newsletters
- Lesson extension activities to bridge garden education to in-classroom learning
- Two community Garden Workdays per year
- Virtual Family Cooking Night, Green Team Coordination, School-Wide Waste Audit, Field Trip to Partner Organization
- Training, professional development & management of Garden Educator

## STANDARD PROGRAM

### One Day Per Week

- 3-4 classes taught weekly
- Garden maintenance
- Monthly Garden newsletters
- Lesson extension activities to bridge garden education to in-classroom learning
- Two community Garden Workdays per year
- Virtual Family Cooking Night, Green Team Coordination, Field Trip to Partner Organization
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# Healthy

Most kids aren't eating enough vegetables—only 2% meet the daily recommendation—but garden programs can **triple** students' willingness to try new produce







# Happy

In a time when more students than ever feel disconnected from their school and community, **gardens bring people together and give space for exploration and play.**



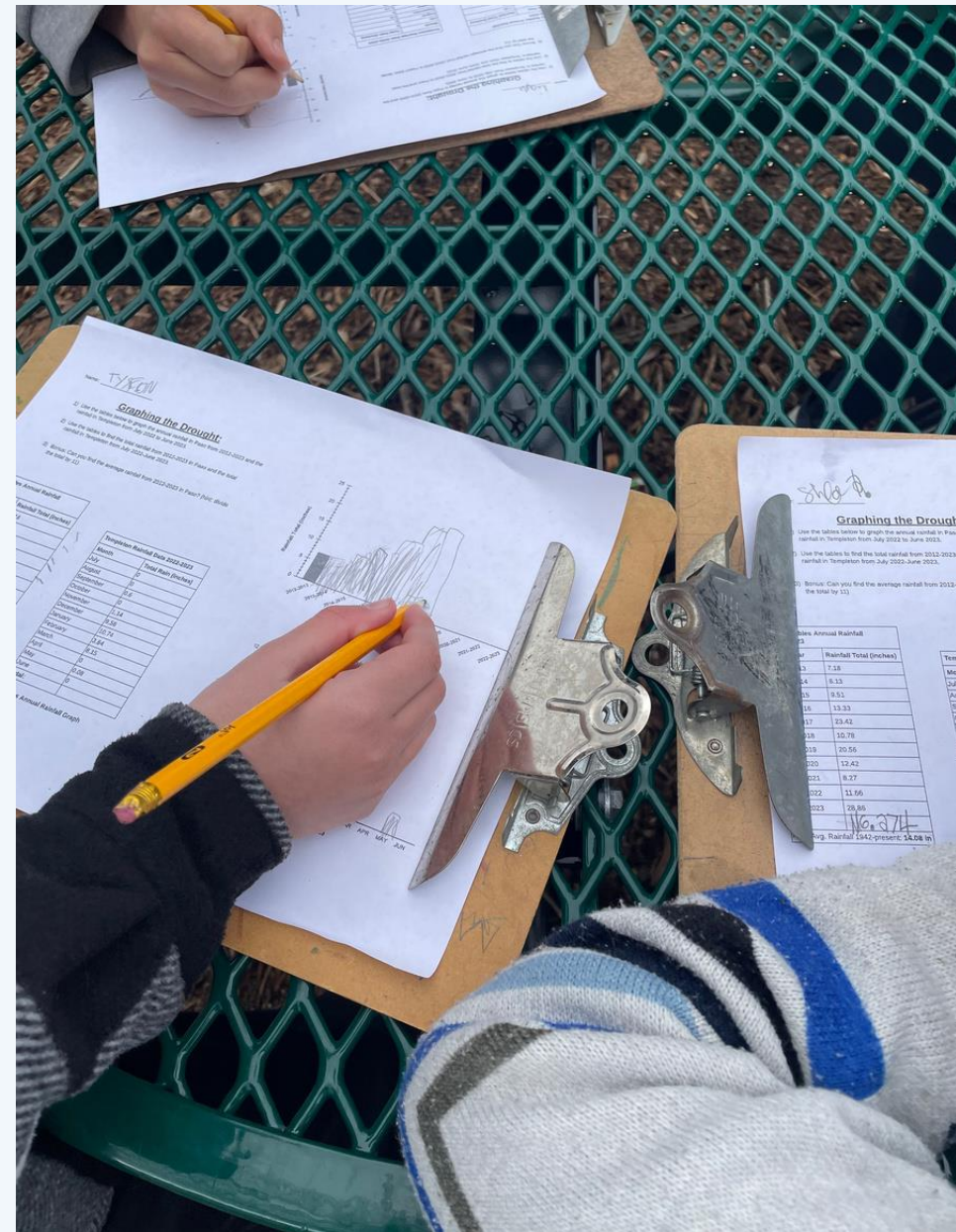




# Smart

Outdoor, living laboratories and project-based learning bridge textbooks and the real world.

**Gardens help youth who struggle with learning science to increase test scores by up to 17%.**







# Our Schools

## ***35 total partner schools in 9 school districts***

### **San Luis Obispo & Coastal**

- Baywood Elementary School
- Monarch Grove Elementary School
- Sinsheimer Elementary School
- C.L Smith Elementary School
- Los Ranchos Elementary School
- Cal Poly Food Pantry Garden

### **North County**

- Cappy Culver Elementary School
- Lillian Larson Elementary School
- Monterey Road Elementary School
- Santa Rosa Academic Academy
- Paloma Creek High School
- Cambria Grammar School
- Shandon Elementary School
- Fine Arts Academy

- Santa Luica Middle School
- Atascadero Middle School
- Carissa Plains Elementary School
- Creston Elementary School
- Santa Margarita Elementary School
- Templeton Elementary School
- San Benito Elementary School
- San Gabriel Elementary School
- Vineyard Elementary School
- Flamson Middle School
- Georgia Brown Elementary School
- Virginia Peterson Elementary School
- Winifred Pifer Elementary School
- Glen Speck Elementary School
- Kermit King Elementary School
- Pat Butler Elementary School

### **South County**

- Oceano Elementary School
- Nipomo Elementary School
- Mary Buren Elementary School
- Grover Beach Elementary School
- Dorthea Lange







# Nipomo & Lange Elementary



## Dorthea Lange

- One day per week -up to 5 lessons
- After school Program
- 2 Community Garden Work Days
- Green Team
- Garden Revamp
  - Woodchips
  - Irrigation
  - Seating
  - Native Plantings

## Nipomo

- Two day per week - up to 5 lessons per day
- After school Program
- 2 Community Garden Work Days
- Green Team
- School Wide Waste Audit
- Garden Revamp
  - Woodchips
  - Stump Seating
  - Garden and Lesson material storage unit
  - Shade structure

### IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, WE HAVE...



DISTRIBUTED **112** POUNDS OF PRODUCE



TAUGHT **218** HANDS-ON LESSONS



SERVED **1175** TASTE TESTS





# Waste Week



## Waste Week

- Waste handling manual for schools and waste consultation for leadership and teachers
- 18 solid waste-focused lessons taught over the course of the year as part of a 104-class package
- One entire week of lessons dedicated to teaching students how to properly sort waste on campus and at home.
  - Zero-Waste Challenge sheets distributed for students to bring what they learned home to their families







## Green Team



# Lunch Room waste diversion & Composting in the school garden

Green team is a group of 4th grade students that gather lunchtime food waste every week to feed worms within the vermicompost system. These dedicated students didn't just stop there; they assumed roles of leadership, guiding their peers on the dos and don'ts of composting in the lunch room.







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