A Message from Melissa

The Children’s garden is a wonderful place for families to come and experience nature together and learn a little about gardening as well. In order to keep our garden looking beautiful all season, we need some help for “many hands make light work”.

I have strategically divided the Children’s Garden into 7 easily maintainable sub-beds so that it is not overly burdensome for any 1 person. These sub beds include: butterfly shape garden, handprint fence garden, boxwood maze, border garden, glider garden, ABC garden, under the tree gardens. I also need volunteers to maintain the garden under the front signage, store front and side of the farm store facing Mountain Ave. If you would like to help volunteer in any of these garden’s, here are 3 simple steps to get started.

1. Choose a section of the garden you would like to help maintain.
2. Open your garden in early spring. (May 1 is ideal)
3. Maintain your garden from Spring to October.

Opening your garden will probably take about 1-2 hours. Pruning winter’s damage, fertilizing, alerting manager for replacement plants, weeding and mulching will get you started for the season. Maintaining the garden will be easy and take about 20 minutes per week. After weeding your section you can set up the sprinkler timer to water your section. Once it is complete, just reel the hose back to its original spot. I will make a watering schedule with all the volunteers so that we all get a chance to water our sections.

For a minimal investment of time, together we can keep the Children’s Garden looking beautiful. For any questions or to sign up as a garden volunteer contact me, Melissa Noble, Children’s Garden Manager at mnoble@wfafnj.org. Call 908-3507383 and leave a message for me with Ann Marie, our WFA Office Manager.

Thank You!

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