FALL IS HERE--A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome Fall Interns!

This fall we have two interns keeping things in tip-top shape around the garden. The newest member of the Environmental Education Team, but no stranger to Lemberg, is Sophia W, an upstairs TA and Ed Studies Major. Returning to us this fall is activity organizer extraordinaire, Anna D, who is excited to bring back some of our favorite projects and bust out brand new ones.

Sophia, weeding with a smile

Learning about Squirmin’ Worms

The Voyagers and Navigators took a close look at our subterranean friends after reading all about them. We learned about the lifespan of worms, their anatomy, how they make soil, and how they like to squirm right off the table! Our friends also harvested plants from the garden to turn into worm food. Yummy!

Anna D, disassembling a scarecrow

Examining worms under the magnifying glass

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MORE GARDEN PROJECTS

Potato Harvest

We had a blast tipping over the potato cage and digging potatoes out of the hay early in the school year. Our Voyager friends rolled up their sleeves and got down and dirty, pulling out over 6 pounds of spuds.

Roasted Rosemary Potatoes

Harvesting Miniature Pumpkins

We had our first pumpkin patch this year, and we got a bunch of tiny pumpkins that we’ll use for art projects when it’s closer to Halloween. It was fun hunting under the huge pumpkin leaves to find these little pumpkins, and then compost the plants and clean the site.
Making a Huge Salad

The late summer harvest has so many delicious treats: kale, peppers, tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, and edible flowers. We had a big harvest day, weighed our collection, and then put together a colorful salad to share with all the classrooms.

Making a salad to share with everyone

Corn Exploration

Maize (corn) is a cereal grain first domesticated by indigenous peoples in southern Mexico about 10,000 years ago. We examined the parts of the corn: the thick, leafy stalk, the corn silks that carry pollen, and the ears with their colorful kernels or seeds, which are fruits. Our friends enjoyed pulling the plant apart, examining the parts, and collecting seeds.

Stalks, leaves, seeds and other parts of corn

Putting the Garden to Bed

The leftover hay from our potato cage can be recycled and spread over other areas of the garden to keep out weeds and enrich the soil over the winter, so it will be ready for planting in the spring. The kids like to call this mulching process “putting the garden to bed,” as they spread a blanket of hay to keep the soil warm and protected.
UPCOMING GARDENING DAY:

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Weather permitting, earn parent hours helping with garden and playground projects.

Email Beth with questions or to RSVP: belowe@brandeis.edu

Children are welcome!

We will be joined by Symbiosis, a Brandeis student volunteer group. Come meet these dedicated environmental enthusiasts!