



Calusa Park Elementary

4600 Santa Barbara Blvd.
Naples, FL 34104

School Profile:

- Collier County Public Schools
- K-5th grades
- 767 students

Garden Profile:

- 13 years in operation
- K-5th graders participate in garden
- No staff paid to assist garden
- No volunteers

General Garden Information:

The garden has been in operation since before 2007. It has gone through a variety of changes as we have learned what works and what doesn't. The amount of help we have determines what takes place in the garden. Our PTO has supported us with some financing

Our gardens are located across the school campus and consist of two large raised beds, a butterfly garden, and two ground beds. Fruit trees spread throughout the campus and include two mango trees, two starfruit trees, two avocado trees, banana trees, miracle berries, and one guava tree. Raised beds are constructed of wood.

The garden also features a sign with the garden's name, signage about garden rules and safety, and native habitats or butterfly gardens. A teacher maintains the garden when the program is not in session.



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Student Involvement & Education:

The first grade has two classrooms who actively journal and do observations of the gardens. Other classrooms throughout the school year benefit from garden produce through exposure to Florida fruits and journaling.

Garden Product:

Produce is shared with classrooms for students to sample.

Parent Engagement:

We share garden photos with parents over Twitter.

Goals:

In the future, we would like to see increased garden productivity, a teaching station, and a vermicomposting station.

Additional Notes:

With last year's Recognition award, we have replenished the mulch, purchased plants, for this year, and ordered new signs.

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