

## Ronald Mulholland School Garden Project

1. Please confirm that you have identified a kid leader (between the ages of 6 and 13). How were they identified, and what role they are taking in the project?

To be considered for the RMJC School Garden team leader, we were looking for students that have had some previous experience working in a garden or some volunteering experience. We wanted students to select a team leader who would be able to lead the RMJC School Garden Project by showing interest in gardening or valued volunteering in their community.

The students were also asked to complete the Project Learning Tree Interest survey <https://pltcanada.org/en/green-jobs-quiz/> to help identify a career in the "Green Industry". The Project Learning Tree Interest survey gives students a opportunity to answer a few simple questions that could put them on the path to a rewarding green career. The online personality quiz produces a personalized report with six job options.

### Criteria for RMJC School Garden Project:

1. Previous experience in gardening
2. Completed the Project Learning Tree Interest survey in career cluster. <https://pltcanada.org/en/green-jobs-quiz/>
3. Grades 5-8 (lower grades level will be considered if meet the above 2 requirements)

The student selected was a 7th grade student. She previously helped her grandmother maintain a small garden by weeding, watering and harvesting. The student said she likes helping in the garden because she really enjoys working outdoors and like care for the plants.

Also she completed the Project Learning Tree Interest survey to identify a Green jobs that best meet her interest. She has an interest in becoming a Wildlife biologist or veterinarian. She said, "She enjoys working with animals and has a dog and cat at home.". She is responsible for taking her dog for walks and making sure to give her dog food and water.

2. Kid involvement and empowering kids to lead is a requirement to receive funding from Nickelodeon. We need you to give us more concrete information on how kids will lead and be involved in their project.

The timeline we would like to begin the RMJC School Garden Project is mid-August or 1st week of September. We will be focusing on fall crop planting. Students will be responsible for using the Internet to research a variety of crops that will be able to grow in cooler weather conditions (Zone 6 B). We will be participating with West Virginia Extension office, in the "Try This" challenge, <https://extension.wvu.edu/food-health/nutrition/fnp/fnp-outreach/grow-this-west-virginia-garden-challenge>. The WVU Try This program provides free seeds to anyone in West Virginia who fills out a short survey. Family Nutrition Program staff also held events around the state to distribute seeds and allow gardeners to share plants and supplies. The program keeps in touch with participants via the Grow This Facebook page, where students get updates on the program, share photos, compete in challenges and share advice. The page also hosts regular "Ask the Expert" live streams where followers ask WVU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources experts for gardening and home preserving advice.

Students will be responsible for recording and keeping detailed and accurate data in their garden logs. Students will be responsible for a picture log, taking weekly photos with an iPad to show growth. Students will collect data 2-3 times a week. Students will check the plot growth of the plants, check weather conditions and keep a data log. Weekly, students will be able to live stream with experts at the WVU extension office. At the end of the fall growing season, students will present their pictures and data collection and upload to WVU Try This Facebook page.

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