

Seeds to Harvest – Putnam County Elementary School and Fieldcrest Intermediate School

The Seeds to Harvest Program is a partnership between the University of Illinois Extension's 4-H Program and our Unit Master Gardeners. This 4-H based curriculum consists of a 6-week program that starts in the spring or fall of each year and includes 6 classroom and outdoor sessions covering topics pertinent to planting, growing and harvesting a salad garden. Curriculum is typically delivered to 4th through 6th graders. This class culminates in students harvesting and eating cool season vegetables and greens they grew in raised beds over the six weeks. Marshall-Putnam County Master Gardeners have offered this program each spring to the Fieldcrest Intermediate School fifth grade class, and each fall to the Putnam County Elementary school Fifth Grade class since 2012, and will continue to present this program in the future.



Above left: Master Naturalist Volunteer Sandy Miller teaches students about insects.
Top right: Students at Fieldcrest Intermediate prepare to harvest their cool season veggies.
Bottom right: Students at Putnam County Elementary check on their plants and pull weeds.