




ROTHENBERG SCHOOL
ROOFTOP GARDEN
2023-2024
Impact Report

Smart. Healthy. Kids.

Our Mission: To enhance students' development of critical thinking, science, math and literacy skills through hands-on application of classroom curriculum and increased community involvement in the Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden.



"The Rothenberg Garden Program is a program that ultimately changes lives. The impact this garden program has on my students is mind blowing. One of the greatest lessons my students learned was where their food came from. Ms. Bass and Ms. Singer have shown my students that they love healthy, freshly harvested, delicious foods. 100% of our students get free breakfast and lunch, often these are their only meals. These meals can be over-processed, high fructose corn syrup, red dye filled foods. Without the garden program they may never get to taste a fresh white carrot, kale, or radish. The students have the opportunity to get their hands dirty planting flowers and vegetables that help feed their community. My students were taught to eat a rainbow and The Rothenberg Garden Program is solely responsible for that."
-Giana Collins, Rothenberg 1st Grade Teacher

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2023-2024 by the Numbers

316 Students Served



Rothenberg Students visited the Garden throughout the year with an average of 13 hours spent per year per child, with Pre-School students receiving 16 hours per student. Additionally, 10 students participated in our two-week paid Summer Internship. In all, students spent over 5,000 hours in programming instruction.

430 Volunteer Hours



Core volunteers contributed 200 hours to help in the garden while MadTree Brewing volunteers helped in the spring and fall for 160 hours. Students from Mariemont Jr. High contributed 70 hours.

15 Parent/Guardian Helpers



Throughout the year 15 parents/guardians participated in our monthly program preparing food and cooking.

Community Partners



Special programs from community partners like the **ABC Activities Beyond The Classroom, Civic Garden Center, Gorman Farms, Hamilton County R3Source, Madtree Brewing, Ohio School on Falconry, 1% for the Planet, Our Harvest Cooperative, Slow Food Cincinnati, and Western Hills Garden Club** were brought in for our students and teachers.

Teacher Satisfaction



At the end of the year, teachers were surveyed to outstanding results:

- **100%** of teachers rated the garden instruction as “Excellent”
- **100%** of teachers would like to participate in the garden program in the future
- Teachers saw the garden program as enrichment for their core subjects:
 - 100% in Science
 - 60% in ELA
 - 70% in Math
 - 60% in Social Studies



Thank you!

We are grateful for the support of so many in our community. Thank you to the individuals, corporations, community partners, and foundations that have invested in our work this past year!



ABC Activities Beyond the Classroom
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Western Hills Garden Club
Westside Knit n' Pickers
Mollie Wilkie
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David & Benita Winters

*Our deepest apologies for anyone who may have been missed. Please contact us to allow us to correct this in the future!

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