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### **Farm Stand**

Join us at the farm stand  
Wednesdays  
Summer: 10:30-1:30 & 4:00-7:00  
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## **We're Still Growing...**

Our summer program has been in full swing for the past two weeks, and we have another amazing group of students this year!

Last week, I was able to “fill in” at our program while one of our educators was out. It gave me a great opportunity to meet some of the fresh faces at the garden this year, and to re-connect with our returning students. Many of the students spending their days at the garden this summer are digging their hands into the soil for the first time, and a few others consider themselves a bit of an expert in the garden. This variation of knowledge and abilities can be confirmed by a survey that our students participate in at the beginning of each summer spent at BUGS.

It's official, our youth are seeing the importance in buying local! But... while 70% of BUGS students think that they should buy food locally, only 30% of our students surveyed are able to determine (by reading labels, or using other means) where their food was grown. So, they want to buy local, but do they know how to grow their own food? Of our 40 students this year, 50% of those surveyed



As the BUGS summer program is starting up and the garden is growing like mad, so is Spread Your Roots, an extension of the main program for older students that wish to expand their possibilities in the garden and take on a leadership role, such as myself. [My name is Samantha...](#)

agree that they think they know how to grow their own food, and 10% strongly think that they can teach someone else how to grow their own food. By the end of the summer, we are confident that ALL of our students will know how to grow their own food and know how to determine where it comes from, and that at least half of our students (especially our returners) will feel confident enough in their growing skills to pass them on to friends, family members and peers.

I am excited to see the changes and growth of our students over the summer, and will be sure to include you, our supporter, in each step and accomplishment along the way. Thank you for staying connected to BUGS! As we strive to grow our programs and services in the Treasure Valley, it is because of you that are able to get the word out and keep our message fresh.

“We grow food, healthy bodies, and inquiring minds”



Coup Clothing and Design Bandits at the garden

Erin Guerricabeitia  
Executive Director



The 2012 crew!

**P.S. Check out Samantha's guest garden blog over the next few months. Samantha is a 2nd year Spread Your Roots (SYR) student, and is emerging a a leader in the local food movement.**

P.P.S. Next month I will be giving an update on our Row by Row adult gardening series. Stay tuned for more information next month.



Pictured above, our first project of the year - journal covers.



Journaling in the garden.



Welcome to BUGS! Robbie explaining the ins and outs of the program this year to our students.

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