

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL



Grant Middle School Students At Fountain View Retirement Village

Students at Grant Middle School partnered with Fountain View Retirement Village to design and install a pollinator garden. Fountain View Retirement Village is located in the downtown area of Grant and has very little natural habitat on its property. Seventh grade students contacted Fountain View to see if they could remove turf grass and install a natural habitat which would be a place for pollinators to thrive. Fountain View was very excited about the prospect of having a pollinator garden added to their grounds. Grant students started the process by researching native Michigan plants and the growing conditions necessary for them to grow well. They also looked for plants that would attract Michigan pollinators. Next, the seventh graders designed the garden, selected a bird bath and a bench. On May 6, two classes of students worked on “air edging” the garden and spreading topsoil. They also lined the edge of the garden with field stones and laid a soaker hose to help with the irrigation of the plants. Then, on May 8, the other two groups planted and spread the mulch. As the students worked, the residents enjoyed watching the students work in the garden. One man sat in the community room and waved at the students. Now that the garden is planted, the residents will have new things to watch

Our Community Partners:



FOUNTAIN VIEW RETIREMENT VILLAGE



“I enjoyed working on a garden at Fountain View. It was fun. We got to talk to one another and what I enjoyed most of all was helping our community.”

- Jacob



“I really enjoyed going to Fountain View. It was a nice experience and I realized how hard planting was. I thoroughly enjoyed it.”

- Jayden



“It reminded me of being with my Grandma. She always loved to plant flowers before she died. It made me happy.”

- Hayden

What does community-based education look like?

- Planning and designing
- Learning about community and working with community partners
- Analyzing and graphing data
- Sharing information with others
- Making connections between school and the community
- Student presentations



Our Goals:

- To decrease the amount of turf grass
- To increase the amount of native Michigan plants
- To increase the amount of natural habitat for Michigan pollinators.
- To bring enjoyment to the residents of Fountain View Retirement



