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Leesburg Garden Club Invests in Outdoor Classroom

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Leesburg Elementary School was awarded a \$750 grant from the Leesburg Garden Club to support its outdoor classroom. The grant will help the school to buy equipment and supplies for their upcoming spring garden and for many years going forward. Students

participating in the after-school, volunteer-led gardening club will learn about sustainability and self-sufficiency by growing food from seeds to harvest.

Produce from the garden is sent home with Leesburg Elementary families and any extra goes to Loudoun Hunger Relief.

“We are honored to have been chosen as a grant recipient,” Leesburg Elementary Principal Angela Robinson stated. “The outdoor garden provides a wonderful environment for our students to learn through hands-on experience, and teaches students to give back by growing fresh produce that will benefit members of our community.”

The Leesburg Garden Club promotes an interest in gardening and helps protect and develop natural beauty. Through the grant program, the garden club seeks to engage the community in making their environment clean, sustainable, beautiful, and lasting for future generations.

“Leesburg Garden Club is so impressed with the efforts of the parents, teachers and staff of Leesburg Elementary School in establishing and maintaining a beautiful vegetable garden in their courtyard,” said Susan Honig Rogers, vice president of Leesburg Garden Club. “Their use of that garden to educate their students about nature, food production, sharing with others, and all sorts of applications from science to mathematics and language arts, is truly remarkable. LGC is pleased to be a small part of furthering Leesburg Elementary School’s beautiful project.”

The garden club recently celebrated its 100th anniversary by planting a Native Tree Walk at Ida Lee Park. Other projects include tree plantings at the Douglass School and Community Center and an embankment garden along Edwards Ferry Road at The Marshall House. Learn more about Leesburg Garden Club by visiting leesburggardenclub.org.