



PLEASANT RIDGE MONTESSORI COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT

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Welcome to the PRM Community Garden! Please read through this contract fully before signing the last page. During the school year, the garden is an outdoor education space where the students at PRM explore and learn about nature, the outdoors and gardening under the leadership of staff from Imago. During the summer months the garden relies on community gardeners to help support the space. By renting a garden bed you are agreeing to be a champion of this outdoor education space for PRM. It is the goal that by working together will ensure that the space remains full of life and is ready to welcome students back each fall. Thank you for supporting our school and the PRM community by being a community gardener.

- The garden will officially “open” as early as the soil can be worked.
- The garden coordinator will notify community gardeners about when they can begin working in their beds. Individual messages will be sent via email and/or text and a group message will be posted on GroupMe).
- Beds should not be gardened until yearly fees are paid.
- Garden fees are non-refundable.
- Last year’s gardeners will have their first choice of beds for the upcoming year.
- The price for one bed remains \$25, or two beds for \$40.
- Payment is accepted online at prmrocks.org/communitygarden/

If beds have not been planted within the first 60 days of the garden officially opening, the gardener will be given another 30 days notice to either plant or vacate. If any beds have not been planted by this date, the beds will be re-assigned and fee will not be refund.

Please do not plant your garden bed in such a way that it shades any neighboring beds. Refer to the following “do not plant” list when considering what crops to grow at PRM. The growing of illegal or poisonous plants is never allowed on school property or in the community garden.

The PRM Community Garden DO NOT PLANT List:

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| • Mint | • Comfrey |
| • Hops | • Morning Glory |
| • Blackberries/Raspberries | • Perennials |
| • Grapes | • Trees |
| • Horseradish | • Shrubs |

GARDEN EXPECTATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS

All community gardeners are required to assist in tending the overall space over the summer. This requires weeding, harvesting, staking plants, etc. and keeping the surrounding pathways free of weeds and debris. You may also be assigned a maintenance zone along with your bed(s).

Whenever you are in the garden please take extra care of this important outdoor education space by modeling the following behaviors:

- Do not ever take plants or produce from another person's garden bed without their permission.
- If you are using tools or equipment from the shed please put them away in their correct location when you have finished using them.
- Put all trash in areas meant for garbage. You may use the dumpsters by the school or the small white garbage can by the shed.
- Put any plant materials and small weeds in the LEFT (add) compost pile. Do not put any large or overly aggressive weeds or extremely large piles of weeds in the compost. These items should instead be dumped in the space located outside of the garden behind the cell tower space.
- Please use water only as you need it. Make sure water is turned off when finished. Wind and return the hoses to their proper place. The rain barrel is also operational and should be used when possible for watering.
- Due to our desire to protect the environment, and ourselves, the use of pesticides is strongly discouraged. If you decide that you must use pesticides, please use only organic materials and use them sparingly.
- If you go out of town or cannot make it to your plot for more than 3 days, please reach out to the garden community and ask someone to look after your bed(s). The app GroupMe will be set up and used for community gardeners to easily communicate with each other.
- Children are obviously welcome in the garden, in fact it is intended for them! But children must follow the same rules as everyone else. As an adult, you are responsible for your children and seeing to it that they respect other people's garden beds.
- No alcohol or drugs are allowed in the garden, or on school grounds. No open flames are allowed in the garden or on school grounds.
- If you are not able to meet these expectations, you may be asked to leave the garden community and forfeit your fees.

I HAVE READ THE PRM COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT IN FULL AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS LISTED ABOVE.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Bed Number(s)

Maintenance Zone Assignment

Fees Paid Date

*Please note that all above contact information will ONLY be shared with other members of the community garden group and will never be shared with anyone outside of our PRM Garden community.