



As part of the educational community based nonprofit organization, Sustainable Palos Verdes Schools Foundation, the Palos Verdes School Gardens (PVSG) Outdoor Classroom program is dedicated to providing every student with a world class edible education experience in a school garden outdoor classroom setting. Through our thoughtfully planned seasonal lessons we encourage the development of healthy lifestyle choices, create experiential connections to the natural world and help students develop a lifetime love of learning.

Our program encourages students and teachers to consider the school garden as an extension of the traditional classroom rather than an extracurricular activity. The Outdoor Classroom is seen as a living laboratory where lessons support and enhance academic excellence and achievement, are tied to CA Common Core curriculum standards, encourage inquiry-based learning, provide hands-on experiential learning opportunities and support Next Generation Science Standards.

Our campus based program gives students the opportunity to develop life skills as they learn about healthy foods and the natural world in a vibrant and active outdoor classroom environment. Curiosity is awakened by the genuine interaction with nature. As part of their grade level experience each week, students will have opportunity to collaborate with their peers, write and draw what they experience in their garden journals, taste seasonal and local produce, plant, tend to and harvest their school garden beds and develop a greater understanding and passion for environmental stewardship.

### GARDEN CHAIR: (ONE PER SCHOOL)

**Advocate** for PVSG school garden program on campus and in greater community

**Liaison** between PVSG and school administration/PTA/Booster

**Attends** PVSG Leadership meetings several times a year

**Recruits** one Classroom Garden Representative per classroom

**Oversees** communication between PVSG Leadership and the Class Garden Reps

**Assists** PVSG Leadership with coordination of Volunteers, Farm Stands, Fundraisers and Community Outreach

**Supports** efforts and needs of PVSG Leadership, school administration/PTA/Booster, Class Garden Reps and Garden Teacher

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### CLASSROOM GARDEN REPRESENTATIVE: (ONE PER CLASS)

**Advocate** for PVSG school garden program in classroom and greater school community

**Liaison** between Garden Chair and classroom families

**Attends** all five garden lessons as Lead Classroom Garden Volunteer overseeing two additional Classroom Garden Volunteers per lesson as well as any required PVSG trainings/meetings

**Recruits** two Classroom Garden Volunteers to attend each garden lesson

**Oversees** communication between PVSG Leadership and the classroom families

**Assists** Garden Chair with coordination of Volunteers, Farm Stands, Fundraisers and Community Outreach

**Supports** efforts and needs of the Garden Chair, Garden Volunteers and Garden Teacher

### CLASSROOM GARDEN VOLUNTEER: (TWO PER CLASS)

**Advocate** for PVSG school garden program in classroom and greater school community

**Liaison** between Class Garden Reps and classroom families

**Attends** 30 minute garden lesson as a Classroom Garden Volunteer as well as any required PVSG trainings/meetings

**Recruits** substitute Classroom Garden Volunteer if not able to attend assigned lesson

**Oversees** lesson duties assigned by Class Garden Rep including garden tastings, lesson set-up/clean-up, journaling, planting, harvesting and garden maintenance

**Assists** Class Garden Rep with coordination of Volunteers, Farm Stands, Fundraisers and Community Outreach

**Supports** efforts and needs of the Garden Chair, Class Garden Reps, Garden Volunteers and Garden Teacher