

What's going on in the Garden ... in May-June?

Mattawan Later Elementary
Native Prairie Teaching Garden
Our teaching garden is an outdoor classroom for all children to explore and all teachers to use.

Want to see spring unfold?



Our students can show you! Please visit our [new](#) website full of beautiful color photos. Don't miss the spring slide shows!

Go to the school website, Later El home page under "News/Info" and you'll find the Native Prairie Teaching Garden link.

Did you know there are close to 50 native plants in our garden? Learn their names thanks to garden markers staked near each type. Prairie Smoke measures about 12 inches and blooms in spring with wispy seedheads – an unusual and spectacular sight.



More News:

- Thanks to MLEAP, students will soon have two new benches in the courtyard to use as they study and explore the garden.
- New plants were added May 24 to the garden by third-grade students (Mr. Coder & Ms. Siwula). These were purchased thanks to a grant Mr. Coder received.
- We hope to have another "Garden Party" with refreshments at next fall's Later Elementary Open House. Be sure to stop by!



Third-grade students in Mr. Coder's and Ms. Siwula's classes counted the "Acts of Green" (donations) on Earth Day and shared the happy news with Principal Christie Enstrom-West.

Thanks to all who donated - \$650 in total. The funds will help expand our garden next fall.

