

Why Plant Milkweed?



Our students learn about the life cycle of many living things.

We see butterflies around our campus. We even plant a garden just for butterflies and other pollinating insects! We learn about migration from birds and the Monarch's.

The National Wildlife Federation asks citizens to help monarchs by growing milkweed and other native nectar plants. "Unlike many environmental problems we don't have to wait for someone else to take action," says NWF President Colling O'Mara. We can all plant things for wildlife.. Simply letting wild plants grow and not mowing them provides a delicious buffet for wildlife.

You can let native wild plants grow, or cultivate them in a sunny spot at home — remember a weed is only a flower out of place!



Westmeade School Garden Thanks

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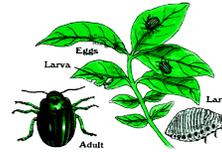
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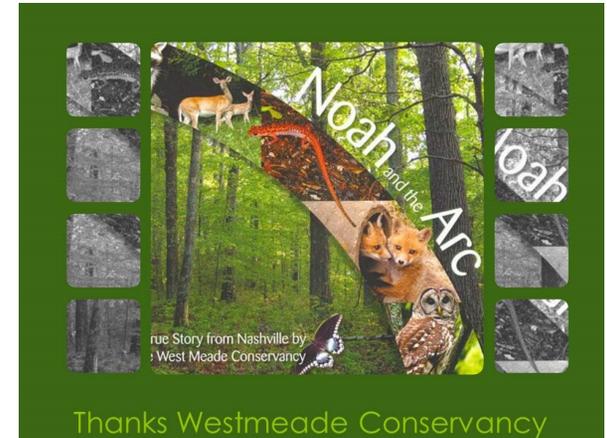
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Whole Foods



The Young Naturalists

@ *Westmeade Elementary*



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See other sustainability/environmental magnets and check out the research on their impact on our webpage.

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Westmeade is a CWH habitat!



We have opportunities for students to experience nature on our campus.

- * School garden,
- * Wild area in campus perimeter,
- * Bluebird boxes & fledging bluebirds
- * Native plants on our campus.

Young Naturalists @ Westmeade

Westmeade has a pioneering partnership with Warner Parks Nature Center.



The program began under the guidance of well-known local naturalist Cynthia Lee and

Park Naturalist, Vera Vollbrecht. They first educated teachers, then created curriculum connections that gave voice to deep personal experiences with nature. The goal to engage life-long learning and the opportunities that it presents.

Each grade-level takes six journeys each year. Three of these are on our own campus, Three occur at Warner Park. These field experiences or journeys foster a love for the natural world, personal curiosity, and an ability to observe and record our observations nature.

Sustainability had its Genesis in the Garden



Begun in 2009 with just two raised beds and dreams of healthy eating, and physical activity, the garden has gone through much change. Learning leads us down paths we did not expect to outcomes we could not have predicted.

Those vegetable beds have become the seat for experiencing the science curriculum and developing a nutritional awareness. The pollinator garden is home to bees, butterflies and experiencing those lessons.

The garden is a place to practice what we learn at Warner! Because of our experiences we have learned about invasive species both plant and animal as we fledged about bluebirds each spring.

We created a habitat for them observe a nesting pair.



We participate in the **Great backyard Bird Count** another practical application of lessons from our friends at Warner and the Bluebird Society.

You Can Join Us on this Journey!

Volunteer in the garden & learn how to tend your own garden . Are you an expert in an area of nature? Help pass your knowledge on to kids!

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