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Supai Middle School keeps students and community growing through new garden
Students, teachers, and neighbors celebrate revitalization of community asset

Scottsdale, Ariz. – (March 25, 2015) – Teachers and students are literally getting their hands dirty to plant a seed for the future. With the help of Scottsdale Leadership’s “Team Green Jardin,” Supai Middle School’s garden has come back to life thanks to hard work, community donations, and support from the Scottsdale Unified School District.

"The growth of a seed transfers to an empowerment opportunity among the students, as they experience that they truly can make a difference and they also have the ability to grow and change, just like the seeds in our amazing garden," said Sixth Grade Counselor Tammy Clow-Kennedy.

Scottsdale Leadership’s Class XXIX was divided into teams that each selected on a community project to initiate. Team Green Jardin (which means Green Garden in Spanish) partnered with Supai—a Title I middle school in south Scottsdale—to renovate and redesign the school garden.

"We engage, educate and empower every student every day," said Shelley Hummon, Supai Middle School principal.

With special consultation from Ken Singh, owner of nearby Singh Farms, each garden plot contains different compost so students can compare and contrast the growth of plants. Team Green Jardin’s mission is to create a productive, sustainable and visually appealing learning space that will unite and empower school and community while providing for the specific education needs of the students.

To celebrate the hard work of the students and volunteers, the public is invited to an **official ribbon cutting and garden celebration at the school on Wednesday, April 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.** Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane and other City and SUSD board members are scheduled to cut the ribbon at 5:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments, a student performance, and activities.

Supai Middle School (6720 East Continental Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85257) is located at the corner of Continental Drive and 68th Street in south Scottsdale.