

Students Learn the Intricacies And Fun of Vegetable Gardening

Dan Chojnowski, a middle school science teacher at the John P. Holland Charter School in Paterson is instructing his student on the intricacies of vegetable gardening.

The students are learning to prepare the soil and plant a variety of produce including tomatoes, pumpkins, eggplant, sweet potatoes, and string beans.

“Growing vegetables in a backyard garden is not only a wonderful hobby, but it teaches students a lot about soil composition, the stages of plant life and the nutrition that each plant provides,” said Chojnowski.

“And the really fun part is the kids get to watch the vegetables grow and then get to pick them and eat what they have grown,” he added.

Raised plant beds were built by the school with a grant from City Green, three years ago. Each year Mr. Chojnowski purchases seeds and seedlings for the students to plant.

Pictured above is Science teacher Dan Chojnowski with some of his 5th Grade students learning to plant vegetable in the garden at The John P. Holland School on Oliver Street.