

AEF Mini-Grant to AP Environmental Science Teachers for Garden Tools for Their community Garden

You made this possible! The AP Environmental Science teachers at Arcadia High School received a grant for garden tools for their community garden. AEF Mini-Grant Committee was invited to see their garden and sample some of the food prepared by their students from the garden. Each group had to make two dishes using something that was harvested from their community garden..a lot of basil, green onions, carrots, potatoes, cilantro, arugula, etc. They also had to design/build a house which would stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Next, they will test the houses with a temperature probe. You can see the houses in one of the pictures. AEF committee voted on the top five houses in Mr. Vo's class and the best house from each period from Ms. Kuso's class. The students explained what they made and tried to pitch their houses for a vote. Very fun!

AEF 1st VP, Sheldon Wright, who visited Miss Kuso's 5th period APES class expressed "The room was abuzz with students who seemed genuinely excited and proud of their culinary creations. Having been directly involved with the growing, harvesting and preparations of their food, created a sense of pride and community amongst the students. Miss Kuso introduced me as their AEF benefactor near the end of the class time. The round of applause they gave to me was heartwarming."

