



A Publication for Concordia Elementary School:
LEARNING THROUGH NATURE is a Junior Gardener
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Garden Club and the Concordia PTA.

If you plant it...they will come!

Cultivators Corner

Concordia's Butterfly Garden Receives Award!

The It's Your Environment (IYE) organization (www.itsyourenvironment.org) has awarded Concordia's program The "Outstanding" Garden Project Award for the 2009 Virtual Environment Fair. IYE promotes K-12 environmental education projects nationwide. Check out our IYE web page from the SCGC's Junior Gardener - It's Your Environment link! www.sanclementegardenclub.com

San Clemente Garden Club Fundraiser - supports Junior Gardeners...

Please support the San Clemente Garden Club on Saturday, June 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its largest annual fundraising event - **The 2009 Garden Tour**. This event funds the civic beautification projects supported by the Club, including Concordia's Junior Gardeners! Tickets are on sale for \$25 each until June 12th/\$30 each thereafter, and day of event. Pre-paid box lunches are served at Casa Romantica Cultural Center & Gardens for \$12/ea. For order form/info go to www.sanclementegardenclub.com

Concordia's Butterfly Garden Projects were profiled on TV!

If you missed the interview and taping that aired in April on KOCE - TV's Real Orange - Green OC segment you can view it from the Roger's Gardens website (Proud Gardener series): www.rogersgardens.com/video/OutdoorGardensMain.asp

Looking to the Future...Join us this Fall in celebrating National School Garden Week October 25 - October 31, 2009 (www.csgn.org).

Going Buggy

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Junior Gardener Booth at CARNIVAL

Friday, May 29, 2:30 - 6 p.m! Please stop by our booth which will include \$1 butterfly habitat seedlings for sale (milkweed++), educational exhibits (caterpillar habitats), beneficial insects coloring books donated by Miramar Nursery (Thank You...parent, Vicky Harlow!), habitat plant displays, and Jr. Gardener T-shirt sales. All proceeds go to support Junior Gardener activities. Students interested in participating as Docents/Volunteers to share their butterfly knowledge and experiences at Carnival in the Paleontology Park/garden for 10-15 minute spots, should contact Kris Ethington or their teachers.

An Anise Swallowtail Butterfly (below) emerged from its chrysalis after 5 months! We learned from this experience that this particular caterpillar can overwinter as a chrysalis until Spring. Since we believed this chrysalis to be a "Dud" and handled it as such, we were pleasantly surprised when it completed its metamorphosis after a long winter's nap! Other Swallowtails (Giant Swallowtail) also overwinter as chrysalides. CA Monarchs spend their winters as adults in a state of diapause, wintering on the Coast of CA,



It's Time to Get DIRTY!!

Jr. Gardener Weeding Workday - Students learn the pride of ownership! Thanks to many Junior Gardeners, parents, Club members, and Mrs. Moon we successfully weeded the brick paths and 2nd grade beds afterschool recently. A few students also planted in the beds. Our Spring wildflowers are beginning to fade and soon we'll be collecting seeds and making room for the summer growth of the perennials and milkweed to sustain the pollinators through Fall. Thank you - Erik Sykes, wife, Jasmine and daughter Alexa for donating a bag of compost for these beds! (check out Erik's product at www.sos-treatments.com)



Sowing The Seeds of The Future!

The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough. ~
Rabindranath Tagore

Junior Gardeners volunteer their time afterschool to maintain the 2nd Grade Butterfly Garden.



Dew Drops...

Garden Maintenance for the Summer: We NEED Volunteers for watering/garden checks 3 times per week!

Kindergarten - THANK YOU...Parent, Michelle Crane & Family...more volunteers needed!

2nd Grade/Paleontology Park gardens - THANK YOU...Parent, Michael Bertrand, and students Isabella and Colby...more volunteers needed!

3rd Grade/CA Friendly garden - Kris Ethington...more volunteers needed!

Incoming K-3rd families...we need you too! Anyone interested, please contact Kris at kethington@cox.net.

Gardeners Know the Best Dirt...check these out!

- **NEW** - Children's Butterfly Site: www.kidsbutterfly.org
- **VISIT** - Casa Romantica's Butterfly Garden: www.casaromantica.org
- **VISIT** - ENC's Butterfly House in Newport: www.encycenter.org/aboutenc/butterflyhouse.html
- Concordia's District Website - Butterfly Garden Link: <http://cces.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com>
- ALL LINKS Past/Present go to the San Clemente Garden Club - Junior Gardener Page www.sanclementegardenclub.com