



***Hommocks Middle  
School (HMX)  
Garden/Greenhouse***

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## Greenhouse & Garden Purpose

- Connect children to the food they eat -  
*“If they grow it, they’ll eat it!”*
- Hands on Experience - get children involved in all aspects - planning; planting; growing; harvesting; cooking and ultimately eating.
- Create stewards of the earth - composting; reducing waste; reducing carbon footprint.



# HMX Greenhouse

- Established 2013
- Funded through MSF and NY State Education Grants
- Located on rooftop next to FACS classrooms





# HMX Garden

- Established 2014
- Located behind school on unused piece of land.
- Planted in ground Year 1
- Southern exposure 6 hrs of sun a day.
- FACS students manage





# HMX Garden

## Garden Improvements

- In ground beds 2015-16
- Sprinkler 2016-17
- Wood Chips Mulch pathways 2017-18
- Garden shed/convertible tables/benches 2018-19



# HMX Garden to FACS Classrooms - How Produce is Used

*“Healthy Eating; Reducing Food Waste; Worm Compost”*

- Kale Chips; Kale Salad; Pickling Kale Stems
- Roasting Vegetables/Stem slaw
- Zoodles (zucchini noodles with pesto (basil))
- Veggie Fried Rice - garden vegetables
- Popcorn (grown in garden)
- Pizza (tomatoes and basil and squash)







# HMX Greenhouse/Garden Challenges

- Time consuming
- Weeds
- Garden Pests
- Caring for Garden in Summer - extra produce to Food Pantry

