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## Jewell Simpson Houston Academy



*Winter 2017, Before*



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*Spring Community Event 2017*



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Jewell-Houston Academy's garden, in Aldine Independent School District, suffered from a lack of support, guidance and organization. Through the Fresh Start II program and the leadership of Pameolin Nelson, Jewell was able to rebuild a remarkable school garden supported by a team of four staff members and parents. The revitalized garden features new vegetable beds and a designated area to attract pollinators. Inspired by Gregory Lincoln Education Center's gardening program, Jewell added a chicken coop, sitting area and compost pile. The garden Dig It Days were successful in drawing community members and school staff. During classes, students delighted in learning valuable lessons about composting, harvesting seasonal vegetables and soil health. Jewell-Houston looks forward to expanding the gardening program for the 2017-2018 school year.



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*New Vegetable Bed, Spring 2017*



*Student observing tomatoes, Spring 2017*



*Students observing squash in new vegetable beds, Spring 2017*



*Student tending to cumpers, Spring 2017*

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