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Rusk Elementary*

Rusk's Teaching Garden



Winter 2017, Before



Family and Friends Garden Event 2017

Rusk Elementary, now Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy Middle School, began their garden revitalization in Winter of 2016 and signed up to be a Fresh Start II garden. To the delight of the neighboring community, Rusk hosted Urban Harvest's professional development course, *Organic Gardening 101: Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom*. The audience was multi-generational, receptive and engaged. They departed with gifts enabling them to begin gardening immediately. Using the strategies suggested by Urban Harvest, Garden Leader Senta Butler organized additional community events and guided students through Spring gardening activities. Strong parent support enabled students to maximize garden time during the school day.



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Rusk Students with Spring Tomato harvest



Rusk Students in the Teaching Garden

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