

GARDENER OF THE MONTH: JESUS BY MS. ANNIE

It is with pleasure that I write this article announcing that our Global Gardener of the Summer is Jesus Cruz! Jesus began Global Gardens last year as a third grader. Each day that he attended class, he sat in Community Circle calmly taking in each bit of information, but rarely participated verbally. As the year went on, we began to get to know Jesus better. And, if you speak to anyone in our Global Gardens family they will tell you how much Jesus has affected their life, our group, and our program positively.

Let me share with you why I chose Jesus as the Global Gardener of the Summer. **First, I chose Jesus for his hard work:** Pen Pals are an exciting part of our Global Gardens program. Each year the Rosa Parks Global Gardeners are paired with the gardeners at Eugene Field Elementary and spend the year exchanging letters, art, and seeds back and forth.

When Jesus first received his pen pal he was hesitant to write letters to his new friend because he wasn't very comfortable with his English, as Spanish was his first language. The first handful of letters consisted of only a couple of sentences. But, as the year went on and his confidence grew, the length of his letters also grew. Soon he was writing long letters and enjoying his time creating them!

Then, one day in the spring, he took me aside and told me that he wanted a second pen pal, as there were some new Eugene Field gardeners who needed partners! Jesus has worked so hard to improve his writing skills and he was proud of his improvement. He had new confidence and wanted to challenge himself with a second pen pal!

Secondly, I chose Jesus for his leadership: Over the summer, Global Gardens takes a break from pen pals. As this happened, Jesus' increased written participation switched to a new increased verbal participation. He began including himself more in our Community Circle times, asking questions and offering ideas.

One day when we were talking about how we can create inner peace, Jesus raised his hand and said that he enjoys meditating. The rest of our group asked him to teach the class his techniques. Jesus proceeded to confidently lead the class and the teachers through a very focused meditation time. We were all so impressed! He continued to lead these classes from time to time, which we all looked forward to.

Finally, I chose Jesus for his peacefulness: Where my previous example describes Jesus' inner peace, my final story is about how Jesus shares this peace with each of us daily. Each minute we spend with Jesus we are seeing his peace. Everyday Jesus opens a door for someone and stands with it held open until the person, or a group, passes through. He doesn't do this to be recognized and thanked, but simply because it is the kind thing to do.

If someone in our group spills something on the floor, Jesus doesn't remain still thinking to himself that since he didn't spill it that he doesn't have to clean it up. Instead, Jesus is up immediately gathering cleaning supplies and assisting the person in need. Again, Jesus does not do this to be appreciated, he does it because his friend needs help.

In the garden, Jesus is often the gardener you see walking his tools back to the shed and noticing other tools left behind on the ground by fellow gardeners and picking each up along the way to put them back in their designated place inside the shed. Again, he does not do this to be thanked, but, instead, he does it out of respect for our garden and our tools.

Just as you have been a great "Coach Cruz" to your "Super Roots" plant team in your Sports Garden, helping them to grow strong and healthy (and helping to peacefully defend them against the fierce and competitive "Wacky Weeds" opposing team!), you have, also, been a great coach to each of us too.

You have given us a great example of what it truly means to be a Global Gardener and a leader in our community. Thank you for who you are and for who you are becoming each day. You are making our world a better place.

*** Sadly, Jesus Cruz no longer attends Rosa Parks. If you happen to run into him at the park, at the store, or taking a walk in your neighborhood, please remember to congratulate him on his accomplishment. He deserves it!!!



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Meet the Contributors

EMMA R.



A 4th grader, she has an art garden

CAITLYNN



A 4th grader, she shares the art and peace garden

CONNOR



A 5th grader, Connor has a medicinal garden

CASEY



A 6th grader, she has a girls garden

SAMANTHA



A 5th grader, she has a love and peace garden

JACOB



A 4th grader, he has a love garden

MS. ANNIE



Leads Global Gardens and has two raised beds

Reporting on our Summer in the Garden

A paper by Rosa Parks Global Gardeners for our school

A PIECE OF PEACE BY ANGELA

Have you heard that the Global Gardeners are making two peace tables? We built both of the peace tables together and we are going to paint it. It was really fun working on it as a family.

I really enjoyed it and I hope everybody enjoyed it. One of them is going to travel around the world and the other is staying here with Global Gardens.



THE REDDER THE BETTER BY EMMA R.

I felt happy and strong as I joyously planted my first tomato plant an Arkansas Traveler. A few weeks later I walk into my garden inspecting all my plants. I finally come to my tomato plant and I jumped for joy when I saw buds on it. About fifteen or twenty days later I had tiny green tomatoes! July 21st I walk into my garden: I have red tomatoes!

WENDY



A 5th grader, she has a peace garden

ANGELA



A 5th grader, winged wonderland garden

DAVID



A 4th grader, David has a Mexican garden

MASON



A 4th grader he has a sports garden

BIANCA



A 6th grader, Bianca has a nighttime garden

JESUS



A 4th grader, he shares the sports garden



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BY BIANCA

Welcome to the second issue of the Global Gardens times. The Global Gardeners have been working so hard this season. In this issue you'll read about what's been going on in the summer programs. Even in the hot weather we have been taking field trips everywhere. Not only can you read about that but here's also a tasty recipe of the month. Once you read that and fishing your homework check out our comic strip and fun puzzles.

OUR FIELD TRIPS!

LINNAEUS GARDEN BY WENDY

Today global gardens and I went to Linnaeus garden it was fantastic because we saw this big statue of Carl Linnaeus. he had some flowers in his right hand and on his other hand he had a book. All the girls took a picture with him and Ms. Annie said "Wow he's lucky because he has a lot of girlfriends." He has a flower for each one of the girls.

Then we went to a barn because it was really hot outside, so we went inside to refresh our bodies. Then we went outside the barn and we tasted the Stevia life. Then we went to see this plant called Orick, it's like blush thats what girls and women used in the old times.

After that we went to the vegetable garden and we saw limes, squash, corn, grapes, strawberries. Me and Bianca ate a yummy red strawberry. Then we went to the green house. We saw a tiny pineapple and some butterflies flowers - they were so cool. Then we went to feed the fishes they were yellow, red, orange, and grey. Then we had our picnic and we left.



MY TRIP TO EUGENE FIELD BY DAVID

Global Gardens went to Eugene Field on the 28th of July. I also took a jalapeno from my garden. The bus ride was really bumpy because I was at the back of the bus. When we walked in I was surprised. I got to see my pen pal twice. My pen pal Asael was the one that who showed around me the most. Then he showed me the teepee. We both went in it like we needed a home to live in. When we were in he closed it so no one could see us. Then we came out. Then he showed me his garden. We have something in common. We both are growing watermelon but he has a big ball. I just have a flower.

I know why their garden is growing fast. They have a rain barrel. It collects rain water from the gutters. It's growing good because hose water has a lot of chemicals. Rain water is the best water for your plants. After that we went to their kitchen it was cool. Me and Asael helped a lot with the grilled cheese sandwiches. Not much on the fruit salad. After we ate, we left.

On the bus I touched the seeds of my jalapeno. At the end I touched my eye. My eye burned! It felt like a wasp stung me in the eye—but worse! Ms. Annie helped me. She put water in my eye. It felt a little better. Don't worry—I'm not blind on one eye, and not on the other either! Finally, we returned to Rosa Parks.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH: GBGB (GIRLS' BIRDIE GRANOLA BARS)

BY BIANCA, SAMANTHA, WENDY & ANGELA

List of ingredients:

- 2/3 cup of oats
- 1/4 cup of peanuts
- 1/4 cup of cashews
- 1/3 cup of raisins
- 1/4 cup of chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup of sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup of pumpkin seeds
- 1 1/4 cup of rice crispies
- 1/3 cup of dried berries
- 1/3 cup of peanut butter
- 1/4 cup of honey

Directions:

- Mix all ingredients in a mixing bowl.
- Tear off a piece of wax paper.
- In a pie pan, pour in the bar mixture.
- Press into the pan.
- Scoop out form into bars.
- Place on wax paper.
- Mold into creative shapes. (optional!)

GARDENS OF THE MONTH:

JULY BY JESUS

I chose David Pineda's Mexican Garden as July's Garden of the Month because he takes good care of it by putting mulch all over his garden and he takes all of the weeds out from around his plants so they won't die.

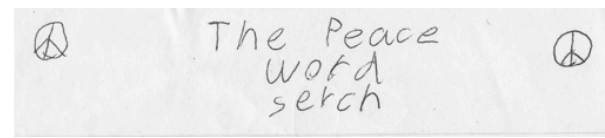


I also chose his garden because I was born in Mexico. Also, I love banana peppers and he has one growing in the garden. I hope he lets me try one! I also like that he put little red plants around the border of his garden. He is the only one who did that in the garden and it makes it look cool!

Also, his garden is like a world of plants because each plant has its own life and he has so many different things growing in his garden just like all the different people around the world. David, you're awesome with your garden!

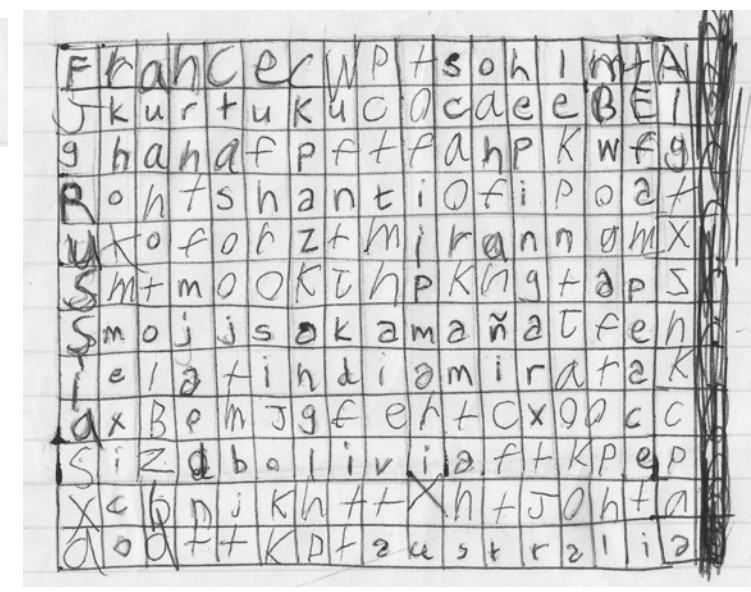
JUNE BY SAMANTHA

I choose Wendy's Mexican garden as June garden of the month. I choose her garden because she takes good care of it by having no weeds and her plants are healthy. She has tomatoes banana peppers and mint growing in her garden and she has an ear of corn that is almost ready to eat. Wendy keep up the good work!



BY JACOB & MASON

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| Japan | Hewa |
| Australia | Kurtuku |
| Mexico | Paz |
| Iran | Sohl |
| Russia | Mir |
| China | Heping |
| France | Paix |
| Ghana | goom-jigi |
| Bolivia | mojjsa kamana |



GARDEN TIP BY EMMA R.

Pick your tomatoes before they are red if you don't want to birds and ants to eat them!

DEAR LINNAEUS BY CAITLYNN

I like the fishpond. My favorite is the blue and white fish. There were Koi and we got to feed the fish they jump and they flopped and one of them landed on another fish. I saw a statue of Carl Linnaeus. He was the first person to name the plants in Latin. I saw all of this at that Linnaeus Garden.

I decided I would like a fishpond in my gardens when I make it bigger. We saw strawberries and we got to eat a strawberry. We saw lemons and we saw different colors of the Double Knockout rose. We saw limes and tomatoes. There were a lot of tomatoes and they were big. They were bigger than Reece's tomato.

MY DAY WITH CREEPY CRAWLERS BY DAVID

We went to Oxley Nature Center. The bus ride was cool! We all met in this special room. There were 13 kids they divided the group apart. I got picked to be with Mrs. Julie. She showed me the red buds. It's a tree that the leaves are shaped like a heart. She also showed us the Virginia Creeper. It's a type of poison ivy but it has 5 leaves. Poison ivy has 3 leaves and is red in the middle. The saying is "3 leaves let it be".

We went to this big lake we did not swim in it we just saw it from a distance. We saw a HUGE snake. Then we saw this flower called Queen Anne's Lace. The story is that the queen was sewing her lace then she pricked her finger. That's why there is blood in the middle. I heard the snakes going "tsssss". I heard the beautiful trees waving in the wind. It was very hot. Did you know that Carbon Dioxide attracts female mosquitoes? Because male mosquitoes don't try to bite you.

I tried something new today. I tried hummus. It tasted kind of weird. Later when I was playing a game at Oxley. I found a tick on top of my ear. I learned that ticks won't hurt you unless you try to shock them or light them up. If you try to do that they will throw up inside of your body. It won't kill you it will just make you sick. It takes 24 hours until they start sucking your blood. After this we went back to Rosa Parks. It was our first field trip. And it was fun!

DAVID & REECE'S CHILE CORN BY DAVID

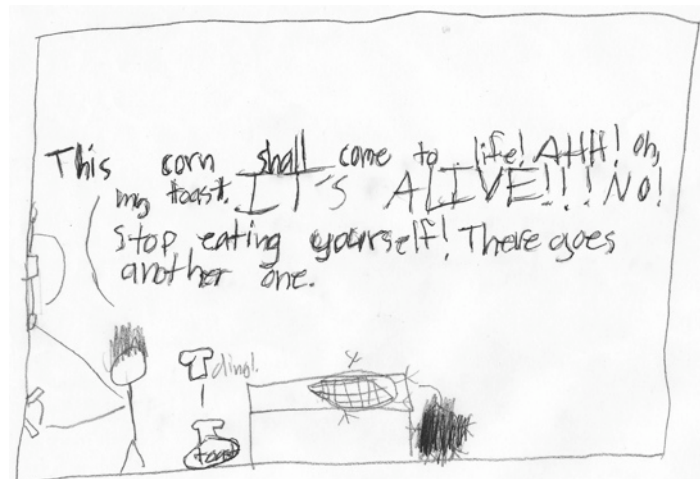
Reece & I made chile corn because we have a chile corn garden. But our corn never grew. So Ms. Annie started this program where anybody can cook and share it with the class, so we picked chile corn because we always wanted to do chile corn but we could not. Here is a tip: chile corn is very spicy!



Put corn with husks in water for 1 hour.
Take corn out of water.
Pull husks of corn halfway down and butter the corn.
Get aluminum foil and butter it.
Put corn in foil and wrap it up.
Put it on the grill.

Cook for 15-20 min. or until you see the corn shining!
Take it off the grill and take the foil off.
(It won't be hot!)
Put chile powder and salt to taste.
Bon Appetit!

CONNOR'S COMIC CORNER



I GOT STUNG BY A CATERPILLAR BY CASEY

I got stung by a caterpillar at the Thunder Bird Ranch. It was big fat and green. The lady that worked there said it had happened before. It stung me across my hand it swollen and red and had many bumps. It hurt VERY BAD. I researched and didn't find anything on the caterpillar that stung me. But it healed fast and we had fun at the ranch anyway and had many blackberries. It was a great time.



BEAN APPETIT BY DAVID

Reece & I wanted to make quesadillas because we both are Mexican-American and they eat quesadillas a lot in Mexico. We definitely wanted cheese in the quesadillas but Ms. Annie said that we needed some protein so we had bean quesadillas sprinkled with cheese. We picked the name "bean appetit" because there were beans in the quesadillas.

Bean Appetit

Ingredients:

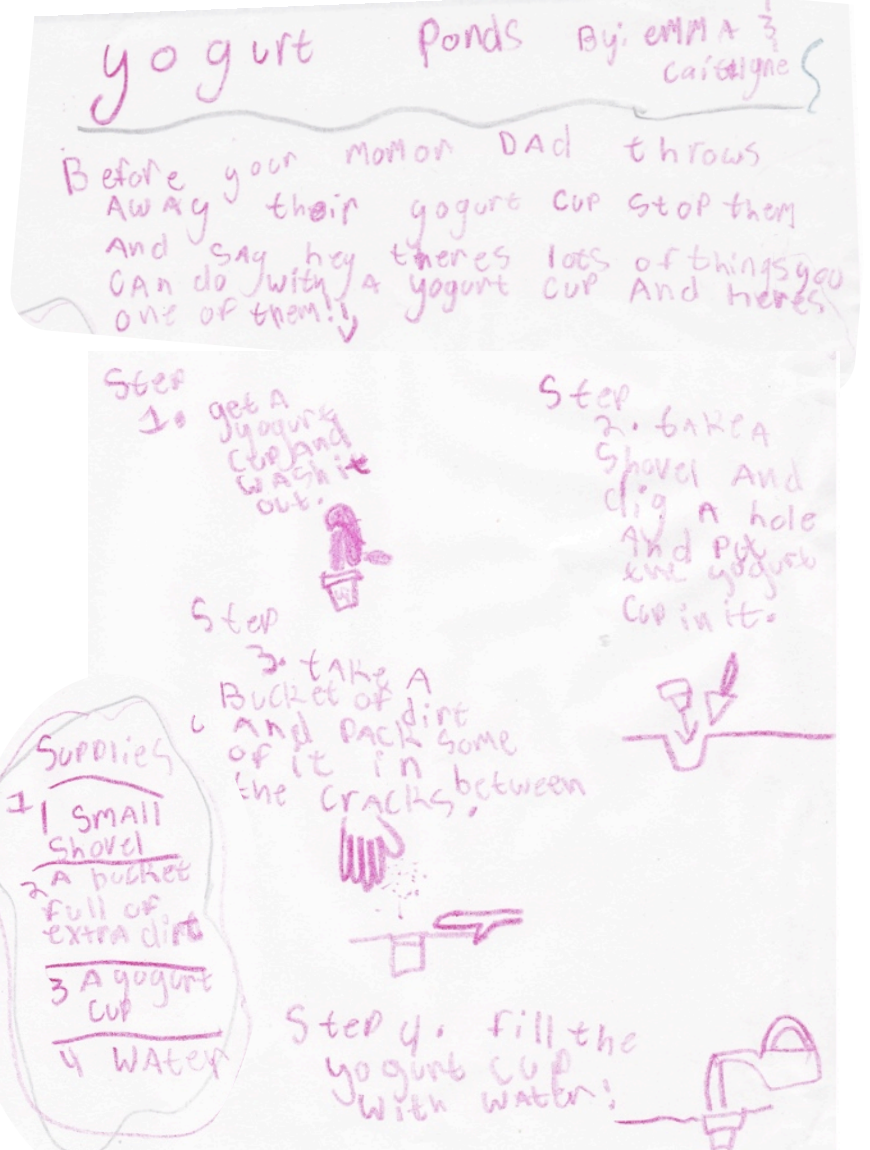
Corn tortillas
1 can of refined beans
shredded blend Mexican cheeses (including pepperjack)
Homemade Pico de Gallo

Directions:

Butter one side of tortilla
Spread beans over tortilla
Sprinkle cheese over beans
Get a second tortilla with butter on outside and put it on top
put it in cast iron skillet on grill
Flip it so it won't burn
When done put it on plate
Put pico de gallo sauce on top

BEAN APPETIT!!!

CRAFT OF THE MONTH BY EMMA & CAITLYNN



ROSA PARKS GLOBAL GARDENERS VISIT EUGENE FIELD BY ANGELA

Today global gardeners went to Eugene field to visit their gardens and meet the gardeners I saw corn, cantaloupe, grapes and lovely flowers. My favorite flower was the sunflower. After that we went to gardens and pick fruits and vegetables for lunch and we went to go see this very nice classroom. There is this kitchen called Harvest Market and the Harvest Market shared their kitchen with Eugene fields. So they had tomatoes and all sorts of things from their garden then we ate outside. After we ate I met my pen pal Jordan she is very sweet and helpful. After we ate we look at the garden one more time. Then we help clean the cups Eugene fields gave us these cool QT cups that very sweet of them. Then we were done. We did appreciations then we left. I hope I come back soon.