



Faubion School Garden Coordinator

Position: Faubion School Garden Coordinator

Reports to: Youth Grow Coordinator

Application deadline: February 18th

Schedule: One afternoon a week for Garden Club (day TBD) plus flexible hours for other duties.

Hourly Wage: \$15.00

Time: 19hrs/month (3hrs/week year round for coordination plus 3hrs/week during the weeks of Garden Club which are 8 week sessions 3 times a year). Remainder of 2019 school year and potential renewal of contract for 2019-2020 school year. Potential opportunities in summer as well.

Do you love to garden with kids? Do you want to be part of a team that helps families connect with healthy food, nature and to your school community? Are you a part of the Faubion school community and looking for ways to get more involved?

Who we are:

Growing Gardens is a local non-profit that has been partnering with Faubion elementary and Faubion's SUN agency (Park and Rec) to build a school garden, offer Garden Club afterschool and work with teachers to use the garden during the school day to teach science, environmental studies, nutrition and other topics.

What the role is:

- Teach Garden Club (Spring, Fall, Winter)
 - Plan and implement dynamic hands-on lessons using the school garden, once a week during three 8-week terms. May involve gardening, cooking, nutrition, food justice, environmental education, and related themes. The Garden Educator position will assist.
- Offer garden-related workshops to preschool families
- Community involvement and events
 - Organize community input and involvement in developing a vision and plan for the school garden program. This may include organizing a gathering to hear ideas, connecting with partners at the school (e.g. 3toPhD, Kaiser clinic, Concordia, Oregon State University SNAP-Ed class, etc.) and surveying teachers.
 - Facilitate school garden committee meetings as needed by school community.
 - Integrate the garden and garden produce into other school events -- following your own interest, time and creativity -- such as cooking demos at Harvest Share or food pantries, family gardening workshops, garden activities at Back to School night or other school events.
- Coordinate maintenance and use of the garden

- Organize 4 volunteer workparties a year to maintain the garden, and lead intermittent maintenance in between workparties. Maintenance tasks may include planting, harvesting, weeding, laying bark chips, repairing beds, fixing irrigation system, adding compost, etc.
- Get materials for maintenance (compost, woodchips, plant starts, etc.)
- Harvest and distribute produce through cafeteria, food pantry, student families, etc.
- Coordinate with Growing Gardens to fundraise for garden supplies, upgrades or special activities.
- Coordinate volunteers to sign up to water and harvest from the garden in the summer.
- Potentially develop and implement summer programming (dependent on additional funding for additional hours and Coordinator summer availability)

Salary and Benefits: \$15 hourly, averaging 19 hours a month (3hrs/week year round for coordination plus 3hrs/week during the weeks of Garden Club which are 8 week sessions 3 times a year). Free attendance to the School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training in June 2019.

What we're looking for:

- A love for teaching elementary school age children (no formal teaching experience required)
- Basic knowledge of growing food in the Pacific Northwest (no need to be an expert)
- Well-organized and detail-oriented
- Experience working with diverse communities, and ability to adapt garden education to meet multicultural communities
- Open and direct communicator, asks questions and works well with a team
- Existing connection to the Faubion community (such as a parent, volunteer, staff member, etc.)
- Community organizing skill and ability to engage with a broad group of community members

Experience that we value but is not required:

- Ability to speak and write Spanish or other language prevalent in the Portland area
- Since we partner with schools in diverse low-income neighborhoods, we especially value candidates with life or work experience in similar neighborhoods
- Experience with anti-racism and social justice work

Other Requirements:

- Occasional availability for evening and weekend events
- Must pass a background check

To Apply: Send us a letter that describes your experience (paid or volunteer), any connection to Faubion school or community and why you are interested in the role. You may send a resume but it is not required. Send to apply@growing-gardens.org by end-of-day February 18th. Open until filled. Please put "Faubion School Garden Coordinator" in the subject line. We will notify candidates regarding next steps and in-person interviews. If you do have questions please reach out to: Anna Garwood at anna@growing-gardens.org