



GROWING OUR GARDEN

Starting this spring, Roch Carrier Elementary School will be teaming up with GUO (Growing Up Organic/Grandir Bio) to lead garden-based workshops. Mme Lavoie's, Ms. Carew's and Ms. Gasperetti's classes will be learning how to plan a garden, start seed, transplant seedlings and the importance of soil. They will also be building three garden beds, adding to our current garden bed. All of this will be run by a GUO representative, under the direction and supervision of our teachers.

We have already started our workshops, the new workshop and seed starting is on Friday, April 28th. On Friday, May 12, we will be building the garden.

There is no cost to our school as GUO receives funding from the OCDSB and provides all of the materials needed for these workshops and this project. However, we will require a few basic tools that we would like to borrow from parents.

Please contact Valerie Carew at valerie.carew@ocdsb.ca if you can provide any of these items on our garden building day, **Friday, May 12:**

- a large tarp, for the soil
- 1 or 2 wheelbarrows
- 1 or 2 shovels
- hand tools; spades, 3-prong diggers
- **2 Parent Volunteers**, that morning for a few hours to help build



This project will also require a team of dedicated staff, students and parent volunteers to maintain the garden during the holidays and the summer months to ensure the garden's success into the fall and harvest season.