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3 of 4 Full-Scale Study Schools Chosen for 2011-12 School Year

The Delta Garden Study is pleased to announce three of its four full-scale study schools! [Harrisburg Middle School](#) in Poinsett County, [Searcy County School District](#) in Searcy

County, and [Highland Middle School](#) in Sharp County will all be participating in the Delta Garden Study's first year of its



Mabelvale Garden Update

January has been a cold month at Mabelvale. Snow kept the students out of school for a few days and rain has made for a muddy garden. As you can imagine, lots of time has been spent in the greenhouse. Chris has been working with the students on propagation of early lettuce, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower transplants. The few sunny days allowed for the students to work with Chris outside, repairing row cover and pulling back the mulch to weed the garlic. All of these garden tasks have provided great experiential lessons on how environmental conditions affect the survival of plants and animals and how human beings protect themselves, others and their property from adverse weather conditions. The students have also been preparing the new garden beds for spring planting. Rows have been hand-tilled and bermuda grass roots removed. Students will begin adding compost in the coming weeks. For

full-scale study, set to begin in Fall 2011. The fourth and final full-scale study school will be announced in our February newsletter. All four schools will kick-off their gardens with spring ground-breaking ceremonies and will then receive full-time Garden Program Specialists in early June who will maintain the garden and assist in the implementation of the DGS curriculum. We are so pleased to be working with these schools and look forward to getting started!



FoodCorps Positions Will Be Announced February 1st; Information Session to be Held on February 24th

The Delta Garden Study will begin recruitment for FoodCorps positions in early February. Information about our positions and FoodCorps positions outside of the state will be available on the national FoodCorps website: www.food-corps.org beginning February 1st. For more information about positions available through the Delta Garden Study, please plan to attend our informational session and webinar on February 24th, from 5:30-6:30. Details about the session will be available on our website as the date draws near. Service members will receive health insurance, an education award and a modest living allowance for a year of full-time service. Service terms begin in August, 2011.



Henderson Middle School Receives 1st Stipend Check

Principal Steve Geurin at Henderson Middle School was recently presented with a \$1,000 check from Delta Garden Study Program Manager, Emily English and Data Manager, Christian Lynch. Henderson was selected as a control school during the pilot year of the DGS. Each school participating as a control school in the DGS receives a \$2,000 stipend to be used for any academic program of their choice. As a part of their participation in the data collection measurements last fall they received a check for \$1,000. They will receive another \$1,000 check after participation in Spring 2011 measurements. Henderson is using its stipend to purchase incentives for students who make the honor roll.

weekly updates and pictures, visit [Mabelvale's school page](#) regularly.



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DGS Job Postings Available on UAMS Website

The Delta Garden Study is pleased to announce 4 Garden Program Specialist positions and one Data Coordinator position openings. To apply for these jobs please go to

<https://jobs.uams.edu/> and search for the jobs under Professional/Manager. Please note that you will need to apply for all 4 of the Garden Program Specialist job positions. You can do this all at once by checking the boxes besides each of the 4 jobs. The job numbers for the GPS positions and the Data Coordinator position are listed on our [homepage](#). If you have any questions you can contact Emily English at esenglish@uams.edu or 501-364-3390.

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