



News from the Delta Garden Study

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Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Delta Garden Study e-newsletter! You'll find one of these in your inbox every month. We'll chock it full of Delta Garden Study news, updates,



Pilot Schools Chosen!

Mabelvale Magnet School and Henderson Middle School have been chosen as the 2010-2011 pilot schools for the Delta Garden Study. On March 1, 2010, the Delta Garden Study announced this exciting news at the Mabelvale Magnet School faculty meeting. Mabelvale's Garden Manager will start March 15th to ensure that the gardens are ready to go when students start back to school in August. Visit our website for more details about [Mabelvale](#) and [Henderson](#).



DGS is Actively Recruiting Schools

We are actively recruiting schools in the Delta Region of the State for our full-scale study. Nine schools will be chosen to begin the garden intervention program. Half will begin the program in the Fall of 2011 and half in the Fall of 2012. Nine additional schools will receive a \$2000 stipend for participating as a control school. **Become a participating school! Help us find those schools!** For more details about the DGS and criteria for participation, [click here](#).

announcements and pictures. Follow the links to more stories on our website and [contact us](#) to send your comments, feedback and questions anytime. Thanks for your interest in this exciting new program!



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Ground-Breaking Event: March 31 On March 31st, Mabelvale students, staff and administration will be joined by First Lady Ginger Beebe and Arkansas Surgeon General Dr. Joe Thompson as we break ground for the Delta Garden Study's first school garden. The majority of Mabelvale's garden will be created in a large courtyard inside the grounds of the school. In addition, Mabelvale's large commercial greenhouse will be refurbished, cleaned up and raised beds built to accommodate growing through the cold winter months. Check our website frequently for [pictures of the progress](#).



Opportunities for Collaboration

We welcome opportunities to collaborate with community members from around the state and nation. From garden guidance to educational expertise to volunteer labor, we'd love to have you involved. We also have plenty of opportunities for student interns and will continue to have employment opportunities for Garden Manager positions throughout the coming years. Check out our website for information about [collaboration](#), [internships](#) and [employment](#).

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