

Martin Luther King, Jr. Ed. Center

“Opportunity Partners Success”

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Culinary Arts Program

The Culinary Arts program is very big this summer with new youth added to the team. We have had approx. 15 youth join the program, this summer, and they have been earning food handler's cards, learning the process of the kitchen, and learning how to prepare and serve food.

The kitchen was busy preparing spicy garlic shrimp skewers, teriyaki beef skewers, artichoke dip, box lunches, and salads for all sorts of caterings this week.

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The Culinary youth catered and served, Lane County Administration, homemade strawberry shortcakes at Alton Baker Park.

The youth did a fantastic job and had tons of fun preparing and serving this great desert. The Mayor of Eugene, Kitty Piercy, gave the youth and staff a special dedication, during the event, to thank and recognized them for their hard work!!

Nice job!

Horticulture Program

Last week the crew worked extensively in the DYS farm, harvesting crops; providing tomato's, cucumbers, cabbage, strawberries, kale, raspberries, chives, garlic, and lettuce to the Culinary Arts Program. Crew has been weeding and building new planting beds and completing needed maintenance in the Native Garden. The north property line was also worked on and will be a continuing project this summer. The crew weeded, in the city parks, and continued to maintain the McKenzie River boat launches, trails, and picnic sites. We're super busy, despite the heat!

“I took a tour of the gardens today and I want you to know that Alan and crew have done such an exceptional and beautiful job. The veggie garden looks great. I wonder about the RG doing an article. Growing great food, reducing costs, new skills learned etc. The native garden should be a model on transforming barren public land into something so beautiful. Congratulations to you, Al, James and the crew.”

-David Allender



Technology Programs

Computer Tech students are all making good progress. We have completed the very important, and very fun, process of disassembling the lab computers and then returning them to working order. In addition to taking the machine apart and then re-assembling it students re-installed the operating system, applications, and system drivers, bringing the old computer full circle; from a jumble of useless parts to a working machine. Next we will work on the details of diagnosing specific problems and how to resolve them.



WIA Summer Programs

The WIA Summer Jobs Program is in the middle of our summer program with placements and classes. Youth continue to work approximately 20 hours a week. Some of our summer youth will be attending our FDIC Money Matters, an on-line modules program, promoting youth financial literacy. Youth will also attend the Talking Safety, which teaches young workers about job safety and health, taught by Vocational Specialist, Becca English-Ross.



Summer Program Trip to Alton Baker Park