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Early May 2012

Public Launch of Hayward Elementary School Garden Set for Friday, May 11, 2012

GROUND WORKS is hosting the Hayward Elementary School Teaching Garden Public Launch at 1pm on Friday May 11. The public launch is to celebrate the potential of the teaching garden to be a catalyst to inspire students and to nurture healthy neighborhoods.

Featured during the event, will be the "Passing Forward the Gift" presentation. Students from Lowell Elementary's "A Growing Place Garden" will gift garden transplants from Lowell's grow labs to the students at Hayward.

Third and fourth grade students, teachers, school leaders, and community members will be in attendance to celebrate. Included in the festivities will be messages presented by local City Councilors, Rex Roling and Dean Karsky, representatives from Senator Johnson, Senator Thune, and Congresswoman Noem's offices and community leaders.



Garden manager and Hayward Art teacher, Paul Rajski, "I hope this garden becomes like a sponge, it just keeps growing for the community. This is their project, I'm just excited to be here for the ride."

MIRACULOUS!



12 school teaching garden beds completed at Hayward Elementary. Public launch of the garden set for Friday May 11, 2012 at 1 pm at the garden site. Public encouraged to attend.

What word describes more than 25 people showing up on a rainy and cold Saturday morning to build 12 garden beds and fill them with compost? **Miraculous.**

What is compost appearing to fill those beds when days before there was none to be found? **Miraculous.**

What about all the lumber and time being donated by Sioux Empire Housing Partnership, Schoeneman's Building Materials Center? **Miraculous.**

For the teaching garden leadership team at Hayward Elementary, Saturday May 5, 2012 it was a celebration in community. The teaching garden is more than a chance to dig in the dirt, it is the opportunity to grow, to share in the lives of one another, and to experience the impact a school teaching garden has on children and families. It is nothing short of **MIRACULOUS.**

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