



Grant Middle School

Grant Area District Library Rain Garden

Placed –Based Education in Grant

When the Grant Area District Library was built, a storm water run-off pond was created. Deb Bose, the library director, envisioned a beautiful rain garden for the community to enjoy. The library received a grant from the Fremont Area Foundation in the fall of 2009.

The 6th and 7th graders from the middle school agreed to help with the project. Sixth graders researched native plants and created brochures about the rain garden for the library. Seventh graders analyzed the soil and grew and transplanted plants. Both grades created the rain garden design, unloaded plants, spread 29 yards of mulch, planted over 3,400 plants, and watered the plants.

Community Partners

- Grant Area District Library
- JF New
- Frey’s Landscaping
- All Around Excavating
- Fremont Area Foundation



Grant Public Schools

2009-2010

- 4 Teachers
- 6th, 7th, high school students

“I had a lot of fun and enjoyed helping out in this great opportunity. I also believe that this is a good way to bring Grant together and work as a community.”

Nick (7th grade)



“It was fun having hands on experience. I saw some of my friend that don’t really like science really working hard. I also enjoyed planting digging, and watering the plants.”
Arturo (7th grade)

“It is amazing how students turned all those weeds into a garden filled with over 3,400 plants. It feels great to do something amazing.”

Tyler (6th grade)



What does community-based education look like?

- Macroinvertebrate studies
- Seed propagation and transplanting
- Soil collecting and analyzing
- Trash clean-up
- Teacher professional development
- Learning about community, working with community partners
- Mentoring students

Timeline of Activities

