Apologies for the duplicate email; please click below for the corrected Dig It! link.



"I feel very calm in the garden. There are a lot of plants, the surroundings are very familiar, and I like the sun spots and the shade spots. There are birds and trees – I feel like I'm in nature, and I really like that." - Tal (Student, Cambridge)

#### Join us at Dig It! on May 2nd 🜱

We can't wait to bring CitySprouts Board, staff, partners and supporters back together to celebrate 23 years of inspiring student learning in school gardens. Join us for drinks, delicious snacks and the chance to meet CitySprouts champion and recipient of the 2024 Environmental and Community Impact Award, Katherine H. Walsh of Boston Public Schools.

Get your early bird tickets today!

You're invited Thursday, May 2nd M7T Welcome Center Cambridge 5:30 - 8PM

**Buy tickets** 

#### New year, new office - We're moving! 🜱



After 4 years of growth in Inman Square, CitySprouts is moving our office space back to Mass Ave in Central. We're excited for this change in scenery and happy to stay rooted in the Cambridge community within proximity of several partner schools.

As of March 15th, our new address will be: 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite #904, Cambridge, MA 02139. Come Visit!

# Summer Program applications are open- join the CitySprouts Green Team!

The Young Leaders Program is now the CitySprouts Green Team! Thanks to feedback from several community stakeholders, this name change reflects our commitment to inspiring middle schoolers through gardening with their peers, building leadership and connecting them to the multitude of community organizations and green spaces throughout Boston and Cambridge.



Caring for the rooftop garden at the MLK School

The CitySprouts Green Team is now welcoming applicants for Summer 2024.

All CitySprouts summer programs run Monday - Friday, 9AM-2PM, are free to Boston and Cambridge families and include free daily lunch and weekly field trips.

For more info on the exciting evolution of the CitySprouts Green Team or to apply for this summer, please reach out to Alex Frank at afrank@citysprouts.org or click the button below.

#### **Applications here**

## From the Greenhouse 🐔



Spring has sprung and we're getting ready for planting season! As the days get longer and warmer, students will experience the transformation of their CitySprouts garden classrooms as they grow into vibrant learning spaces. Seeds of Bok choy, carrots, and radishes are going in the ground this week, and various greens and herbs will be transferred soon from the Dudley greenhouse to our 24 Boston and Cambridge gardens. It's just the beginning and we can't wait to share more of what students are growing at their schools this upcoming season!

### Meet Garden Operations Manager, Maddie Kartoz 👋



As the CitySprouts Garden Operations Manager, Maddie's primary responsibility will be the overall care and maintenance of

all of the CitySprouts' schoolyard and community gardens. Maddie will also be recruiting and coordinating summer garden volunteers. Sign up here!

I'd like to volunteer!

Maddie is proud to join CitySprouts in bringing students across Boston access to experiential learning in the garden. She holds a BFA in Theater Arts from Boston University and is an alum of the Tidelines Glacier Bay Year. Visit our website to learn more about Maddie.

## Community Connections 🜱

Last month, CitySprouts convened our first ever School Gardens Gathering at The Food Project's Dudley Greenhouse in Roxbury to bring together educators working in school gardens in the Greater Boston area!

Thank you to some of our attendees from Groundwork Somerville, Mill City Grows, Green City Growers, Marion Institute, FoodCorps members from Healthy Chelsea, TerraCorps members from Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, and many more.



Program Director Melissa shares an activity in the Greenhouse

Educators and gardeners joined us for a day filled with many activities including learning about native pollinator-friendly plants, teaching English Language Learners in the garden, and how to plan for accessible and educational gardens.

Thank you to all our partners who helped to lead these fruitful discussions. Check out our Instagram for more from the day.

At CitySprouts, we believe that every student deserves a robust science foundation and a chance to learn about the natural world around them. Our programs extend and enhance the curriculum in Boston and Cambridge classrooms with opportunities to learn experientially in the garden through observation, reflection and discovery.

*Every donation goes directly to supporting our unique and vital programs. Thank you!* 

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