

WCMS students grow vegetables in garden

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KINGMAN - White Cliffs Middle School students recently constructed 4 feet-by-8 feet wooden frames to be used as raised garden beds in which to plant winter vegetables.

Teaming up with Nina Brackett, instructional specialist for the School Gardening Program and 4-H Youth Development at the [University of Arizona](#) Cooperative Extension and Mohave County Master Gardener Victoria Metz, students determined they could raise carrots, radishes and lettuce before the winter break.

The program is a part of the school's focus on conservation and managing natural resources.

It is the result of combined efforts of teachers Jim Fox and Eilene Haines.

The teachers started Earth Club after attending the School Gardening Workshop given by Brackett at the Mohave County Cooperative Extension.

Through the club, students have hands-on training on the basics of botany, horticulture, soil science, water conservation and agricultural food science throughout the school year.

Future lessons will include composting, paper making, and hydroponic gardening. Spring planting will begin in late January.