



GARDEN HIGHLIGHT

Down to Earth Garden

Buena Vista Elementary School, Carlsbad Unified School District

The Down to Earth Garden was started in 1997 by Dolores Fangon, who has continued to run the garden as her own passion project. Formerly a teacher and a tutor, Dolores has developed the garden as a space for one-on-one learning, as students are brought to the garden in groups of 2-3 during class time, and for growing a **wide variety of unusual and tropical plants** like sugarcane, cherimoya, peanuts, taro, and pineapples. Dolores also hosts harvest lunches and informal visit times during the lunch hour. The school has sometimes been able to pay for Dolores' time through the school's discretionary fund.

Adapted from "Plant Good People and Cultivate Relationships" by Diana Bergman.

