

## District 65 Teachers Take Learning Outside via SAGE Workshop



By [District 65 Communications Office](#) Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Let's Move – and learn outside! A new level of collaboration is growing between SAGE (Schools Are Gardening in Evanston; part of the Keep Evanston Beautiful School Garden Initiative), District 65 Schools, and Nurture ([nurtureyourfamily.org](http://nurtureyourfamily.org)), with the launch of the SAGE Garden-based Learning Workshop for teachers. This June, District 65 teachers will have the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions that equip them to leverage the school garden as a vibrant teaching venue while earning continuing education credits.

The SAGE garden-based learning workshop will provide a broad spectrum of interactive activities that equip educators to provide relevant outdoor learning experiences for District 65 students. Planting, harvesting, outdoor classroom management and nutrition concepts will be emphasized via an agenda that supports the FOSS (Full Open Science System) science curriculum used by all District 65 schools and the fundamentals of place-based learning. The SAGE garden-based learning workshop will provide teachers with clear lessons and helpful tools to implement grade-specific, garden-based cross-curricular education.

SAGE has partnered with Evanston schools to sow the seeds of a district-wide edible garden initiative. To date, 13 schools have successfully established gardens and captured the excitement of children, families and educators throughout the community. Providing continuing education for teachers is a natural outgrowth of the SAGE role as a central hub for District 65 garden information and training, and key to the sustainability of school gardens in Evanston.

SAGE is a committee of Keep Evanston Beautiful (KEB), which engages individuals, businesses, and organizations to improve the Evanston community through responsible action by:

- Encouraging preservation of our natural resources by promoting waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and purchase of recycled products
- Supporting and contributing to environmental education
- Conducting neighborhood beautification and clean-up programs
- Showcasing the best of Evanston through our Annual Garden Walk

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