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**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

# Blackbird Paradise

**Earth Day, April 22, 2009 - 2PM  
Voorheesville Elementary School**



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

We need volunteers from late April through October for planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, prepping and delivering produce.

Tasks will be clearly specified and instructions will be located in a notebook in the garden. For most of the planting a master gardener will be on site and helping. Other times, a Garden Committee representative will only be a phone call away to answer any questions or should a garden emergency arise.

Please sign up to be a garden volunteer by sending your name, telephone, and days or weeks you'd like to volunteer to [vvillegarden@gmail.com](mailto:vvillegarden@gmail.com). We'll then schedule your time in the garden, confirm it with you, and send you a reminder as the date approaches. It's that simple.

Thanks for helping the garden grow and providing a valuable service to our community.

**For more information:**

**[vcsd.neric.com](http://vcsd.neric.com)**

**[vvillegarden@gmail.com](mailto:vvillegarden@gmail.com)**

Voorheesville Elementary School  
**Garden Project**  
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# P R O G R A M

**Master of Ceremonies:** Edward Diegel, *Principal*

**Introduction of speakers:**

- Dr. Raymond Colucciello, *Superintendent of Schools*
- Ivan Gotham, *New Scotland Community Food Pantry Chairperson*
- Tim Mulligan, *District Food Service Supervisor*
- Ashley Hillard, *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher*
- Bri McAlevey, *Garden Project Co-chair*

**Poem:** *You Never Hear the Garden Grow*, by Lillian Moore, read by Edward Diegel

**Song:** *The Garden Song* sung by the entire school, conducted by Dr. Mary Teresa McCormick and Mrs. Melynda Matheke

**Ribbon cutting:** Tommy Gallagher, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, assisted by Colleen Brackett and Suzanne Paulson, *Spirit Committee Members*

**Planting of Wish-sticks:** entire student body

**Seed packet distribution:** Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, PTA and Garden Committee Members

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| <b>Garden Resources &amp; Management</b><br>Susan Kalia | <b>Public Relations/Publications</b><br>Lori Dollard/ Bri McAlevey |
| <b>Calendar Keeper</b> Kate O'Rourke                    | <b>Email/Office Management</b><br>Pam Standish                     |
| <b>Food Pantry</b> Ivan Gotham                          | <b>Displays</b> Mary Jane Farney                                   |
| <b>Elementary Faculty</b> Ashley Hillard                | <b>Special Events</b><br><i>chairperson needed</i>                 |
| <b>School Spirit</b> Suzanne Paulson                    | <b>Finances</b> Bri McAlevey/Lori Dollard                          |
| <b>Middle/High School liaisons needed</b>               | <b>Website</b> Audrey Hendricks                                    |
| <b>Community Outreach</b><br>Vickie Hesselbacher        | <b>District Liaison</b> Mike Goyer                                 |