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EBR Schools Kindergarten Teacher Awarded \$3,500 Garden Grant

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Baton Rouge School System is proud to announce that kindergarten teacher Kimberly LaFont, of the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts, has been awarded a \$3,500 grant to launch the school's new All-Star School Garden.

"It is an honor to be awarded this grant through Whole Kids Foundation, and I appreciate all the support from my wonderful BRCVPA administrative staff," LaFont said. "With this funding, we will be able to have our dream school garden come to life and have it as a lasting part of our beautiful new campus for many years to follow."

LaFont envisions a garden where students will be able to apply math, science, social studies, language arts and fine arts into creating, building, planting and growing. She specifically looks forward to students learning composting, measuring rainfall, watching a seed grow and creating signage to express creativity in the arts.

LaFont said the school garden started last year at BRCVPA's temporary campus with the kindergarten classes and the fourth- and fifth-grade students in the extended day program. BRCVPA opened its new campus this year.

The garden will provide students with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that extend far beyond the classroom, said BRCVPA Principal Dr. Louis L. Moore.

"I can't wait to see what our kindergarteners will grow, harvest and learn as they tend to their garden," Moore said.

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