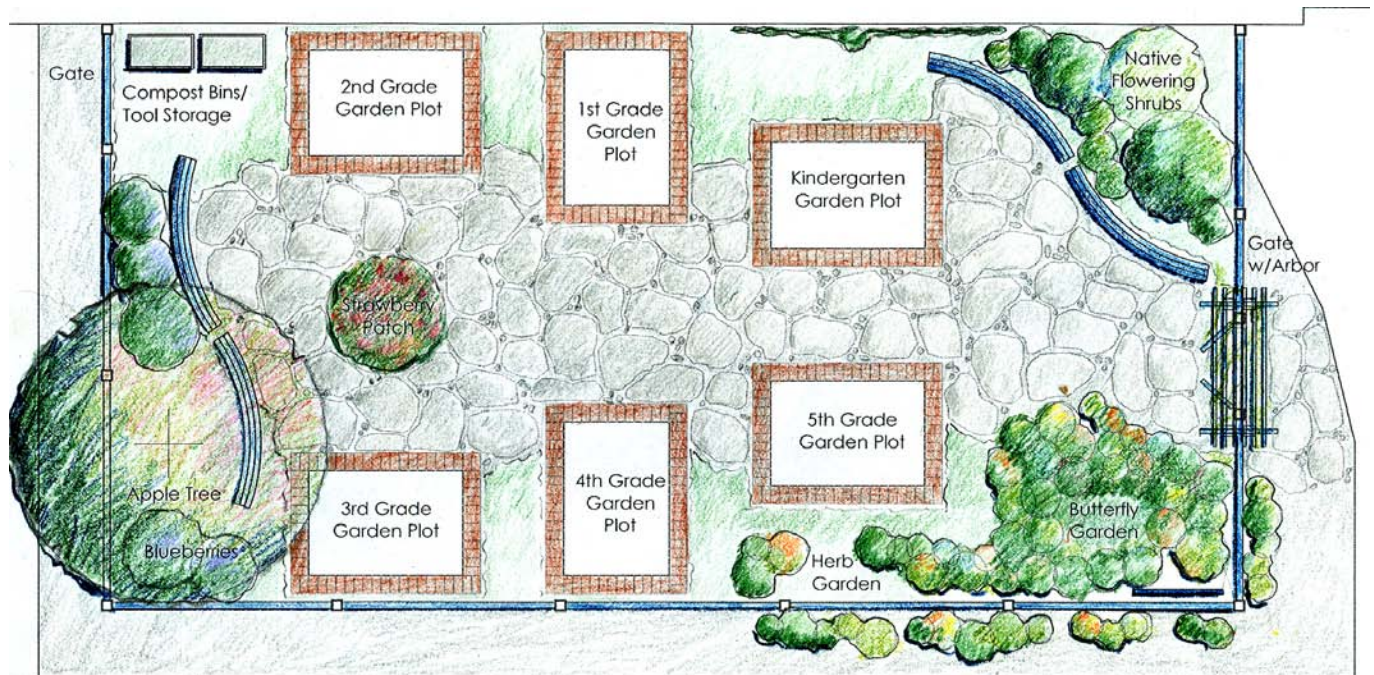


# The Children's Garden at the International Charter School



The International Charter School (ICS), located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, is a dual-language bilingual elementary school in which all students learn 50% of the time in English and 50% of the time in either Spanish or Portuguese. Students leave ICS with a high level of proficiency in two languages. As part of the curriculum, ICS has recently begun to plan for an on-site school garden, where we hope to

- promote environmental awareness and an appreciation of the natural world in our students.
- provide hands-on experience of planting and caring for a garden.
- help students understand and appreciate the beauty of the natural world, from seasonality and the cycle of life, to the age old question: *Where does our food come from?*
- strengthen ties to our neighborhood, help to raise awareness of our school, and give students a sense of pride that they are capable of growing their own food.

ICS has been awarded assistance from the Children's Garden Network, an organization with the ambitious goal of promoting a garden in every school in Rhode Island by 2010. As a founding member of the Children's Garden Network, ICS will serve as a model school to assist others with their garden plans.

It is our sincere hope that you share our excitement as we continue to provide students at ICS with the tools to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Please contact Julie Nora, Director, International Charter School, 334 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, (401) 721-0824 for more information about contributing to this project.

ICS is an independent, self-funded corporation, with its own 501c3 status.

All donations to the Children's Garden are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support.