

Austin ISD Green School Visioning Contest

shoveling dirt and carting wheelbarrows. We actually finished early, and had the briefest of moments to lean on our shovels or sit on a cinder block and admire all our hard work before we enjoyed a lunch of magical vanishing burritos.

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Not every kid a radish! But building these simple beds in which the students learn and grow goes so much further to a sustainable future than teaching the life cycle of plants and filling bellies with wholesome organic good.

Every seed planted in that garden is an idea awakened, a step closer to understanding the world around us. Every bitter radish bite is a peek into the unknown, a foray into a world made of possibilities. A reminder that by coming together for just a few hours we can make a more sustainable world for those we all work so hard to help grow.

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