

TANAKA FARMS

FARM TOURS ALL
YEAR ROUND



FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
EVERY SEASON OF THE YEAR



Madison students love our garden vegetables so much; I often wish we could farm the whole back area of the schoolyard! I suppose that wouldn't work out so well at recess time, so we have arranged to bring in a wonderful program from Tanaka Farms to deliver organic, Farm Fresh Produce to interested families at Madison. Tanaka Farms, located in Irvine, has already implemented this program with many schools in our area, including Torrance, Palos Verdes and Long Beach. Madison would be the first Redondo Beach school to participate.

Here is how the program will work – families will be able to order, each month, two boxes of farm fresh produce. One box will be delivered every other week. (For example – if you order in March – a box will be delivered to school on Friday, March 6th, and another will be delivered on Friday, March 20th.) The amount of produce in each box costs \$25, (for a monthly total of \$50) and each box is estimated to be enough for a family of 3 or 4 for a week. Tanaka Farms will donate \$5 per box to the Madison PTA. Tanaka Farms determines the mix of produce in the box, so subscribers DO NOT have a choice as to what they receive each week. A sample box will be available in the office and at CDC, to review after school on February 20th.

Tanaka Farms grows the **farm fresh** produce using **organic** farm methods. Most produce is grown at Tanaka Farms in Irvine, but produce may also be supplemented from other organic farmers to provide a good variety in the box. The product is very fresh, many times harvested the morning of delivery.

If you think you might be interested, watch for order forms, which will come home with students in the Thursday envelope on February 19th. Orders may be picked up at Room 3, between 2 and 3 pm, or at CDC.

As with all PTA activities, this is a volunteer-run activity. Thank you very much to those parents who have agreed to volunteer their time and energy to collect orders and manage deliveries. Please make their tasks as easy as possible! Some important policies aimed at making the program manageable for our volunteers, include:

- **Orders must be made for the entire month (two deliveries) – for a total of \$50 for two boxes.** Families may split boxes if they would like, but please put the order under one name.
- **Orders should be turned in, on time, to our Madison Farm Mailbox** – (pictured above) in the main office.
- Subscribers MUST remember to pick-up their produce on the delivery date. Uncollected produce will be donated to the LiveWell Kids program. No refunds will be given.
- Crates must be returned to Tanaka Farms, so *please bring bags, boxes or a basket* to carry your produce home.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Samuelson, PTA Nutrition Chair – project_track@msn.com.