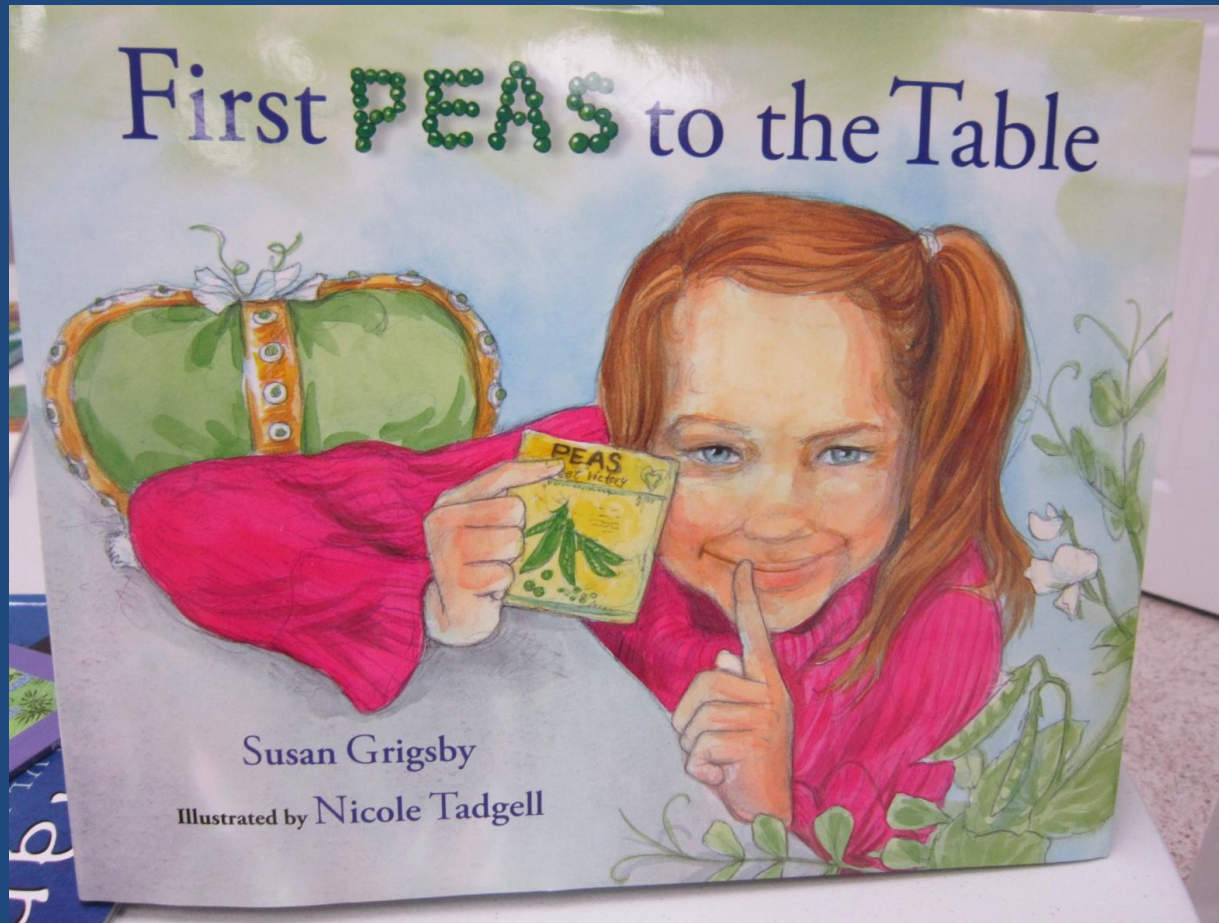


George Washington Elementary High Tunnel Gardening Project



**Chuck Talbott, WVU Extension Service,
Mary Beth Myers and the GW Teachers,
Putnam Co. Master Gardeners and Our Community**

The Challenge!



Who will have the first flowers, the longest vine, the most peas/pod...

Planning in November



Where do plants get their food to grow?

Constructing the High Tunnel with Gritt's Midway Greenhouses



Building Raised Beds with Master Gardeners, Teachers, Parents.....



Soil gets delivered by Raynes



Ready for our students



Planting with the Master Gardeners



Planting cool season plants



.....in “one-foot squares”



Will my vine be the longest?





What is the
“Goldilocks
Soil Test”?



Watering
with a
friend....



....and
watering with a
“Little Buddy”

Sun, soil, water and care



makes our garden grow...



and grow!



Planting potatoes.....



..and more potatoes!



Ventilation.....rolling up the sides



Spreading gravel inside.....



.....with some help!





**Two-day “AM/PM
Shifts” daily care
by classrooms.....
more watering,
record temperature,
identify pests...**

Measuring peas: vines, flowers, pods, peas/pod....



Harvesting radishes



Harvesting lettuce



Harvesting spinach



Weighing vegetables....



....to serve for lunch!



\$168 sold to the PC BOE/Farm to School Program

GW in the Press!

WSAZ Channel 13 News

“Feeding the Future” 5/24/13
Front page Charleston Gazette



Some impact of Garden Based Learning at GW

Percent Change in GW West Test Annual Scores: Grades 3-5 2012 - 2013	
Subject	% Change
Math	13.3
Reading	6.7
Science	19.0
Social Studies	7.3

**GW reported most improvement
in West Test scores for Putnam County Schools!**

Many Thanks For Our Community Support

- WVDA/USDA
- WVU Extension Service
- Putnam Co. BOE
- Putnam County Master Gardeners
- Gritt's Midway Greenhouse
- Raynes & Sons Excavation
- Town and Country
- Vergies' Veggies (John Payne)
- Lowes Home Imp.
- Home Depot
- Valley Cache Feed
- Navy National Guard
- Jerry's Tree Service

