ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE
San Mateo County Office of Education

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Cunha Intermediate School
Cabrillo Unified School District

Food and Nutrition, Living Schoolyards and Gardens

Curriculum and Instruction, Community and Culture



Cunha Intermediate School's Little Cunha Farm has planted over 40 trees, making a wind barrier for crops, producing fruit for students and resources for organisms. The farm is also able to regenerate its soil using minimal disturbance techniques, including compost from their own school cafeteria and donated compost from local businesses. The school farm has been able to grow enough food to supply Cunha Intermediate's agriculture class with ingredients to cook with once a week in their kitchen.

The farm has also allowed the school to start a lunchtime farmer's market, where students have been able to purchase fruits and vegetables from the farm. Cunha's agriculture initiative aims to implement more planting areas around our school that would inspire, feed and provide shade to our students and faculty.