

School Meeting Time	Plan
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9/23	No School
9/30	Seeds! Collect seeds for next year materials: envelopes, writing tools, scissors Herbs Herbs in food, smell, touch them
10/7	Plant Bulbs
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10/21	
10/28	

***other kid ideas: pumpkin day (scooping out seeds), dia de Los muertos marigold picking day, kindness garden rocks**

Garden Club

- Moving to community engagement in PTO groups
- Budget ~1000
- PTO has tax exempt status, ask for copy of tax exempt certificate. Whatever you purchase you can be reimbursed for
- For reimbursements, email receipts to treasurer@ptolincn.org
- Access to how-to-water and garden shed info here:  Garden Club

When?

- Parent Garden Club: 1st Fridays 3-5pm
- Kids Garden Club: Lunch-Recess hour Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 (if helping, please arrive a few minutes early to open shed and set up)

Fall 2025-2026 To Do:

- Budgeting
 - Mulch [hoping to get dump from the village]
 - [ChipDrop](#)
 - Soil top-off for next spring
 - Plants! Beautifying front of school + veggies/sensory/flowers for bed
 - Hose (purchased)
- Ongoing gardening project to-dos
 - Finish digging out ditch lilies
 - Keep at weeding, especially morning glories by raspberries and roses, and nutsedge in the raised beds
 - Clean up the hosta shade bed between south entrances
 - Clean up Little Free Library bed
 - Finish ripping invasive lilies of the valley and myrtle out of the redbud bed, transplant some taller natives in back, transplant wild ginger around tree maybe? (lauren has divisions)

Other Ideas for 2025-2026 School Year:

- Look into [Grow a Row](#) for Beyond Hunger
- Book bike visits / Coffee cart visits on Friday afternoons
- Bottlecap project
- Curriculum for lunch-recess garden club
- Add fun color to garden beds (Natalie has eco-friendly wood stain in different colors, just hasn't gotten around to this yet)
- Plant/Seed exchange in the spring (possible synergies with Green Team!)
- Kindness Rock Garden after fall harvest has been cleaned up
- Pumpkin activity (scooping out seeds)

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Instructions for assembly/disassembly of new trellises:

GARDENER'S SUPPLY COMPANY

Titan Squash Tunnel

Growing squash and melons on a trellis saves space, reduces disease problems and makes harvesting a breeze. The Squash Tunnel is made from polyethylene-coated steel that will last for years to come. The polyethylene is non-degradable and provides a clean look while protecting the steel from the elements. The steel tubing provides strength and durability, yet is also lightweight and easy to assemble.

Parts

(3) Arches
(6) Angled Supports
(6) Staked Supports
(9) Male Cross Braces
(9) Female Cross Braces
(2) Short Cross Braces

(31) Sure-Clips
(1) Netting
(6) Screws

Tools required

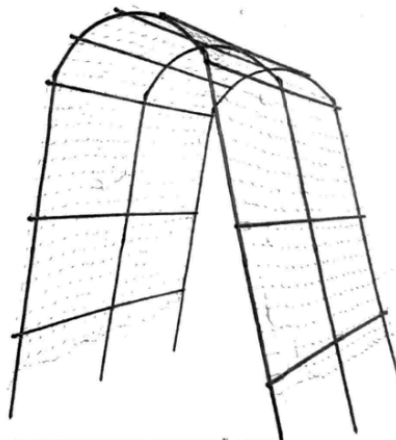
Phillips screwdriver
Step Ladder (recommended)

Assembly

NOTE: You should have at least 2 people to help with assembly. We recommend having 3 for the easiest assembly.

Step 1. Identify and organize all parts on a clean, level surface. **NOTE:** We recommend assembling your Squash Tunnel at the spot you intend to install it. Select a location to that is protected from high winds and is away from children's play areas. **Important:** The Squash Tunnel is not a children's play structure and should not be climbed on.

Step 2. Slide a Male Cross Brace onto a Female Cross Brace (Figure 1). Repeat until all



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Step 3. Slide an Angled Support onto both ends of each Arch (Figure 2). Use your Phillips screwdriver to insert Screws through the holes in the Angled Supports until the head of the Screw is flush with the Support.

Step 4. Stand the Arches upright and place an assembled Cross Brace along the top of them. Spread the Arches apart so there's one at each end of the Cross Brace and one near the middle (Figure 3).

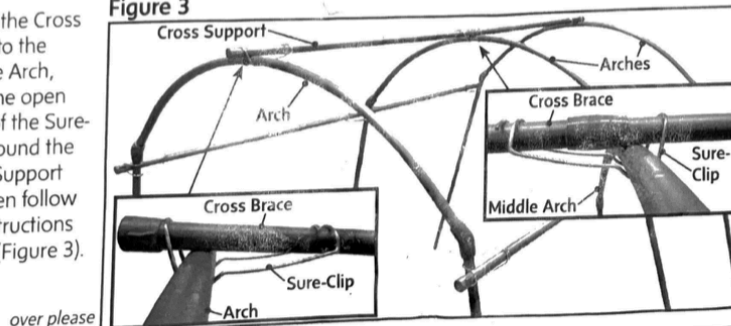
Step 5. Attach the Cross Brace to each Arch, using the Sure-Clips and the instructions below:

Tip: When attaching a Cross Brace using the Sure-Clips, remember that the Cross Brace should always be on the outside of the Arches and that the curved part of the Clips (Figure 4) will always be facing towards the inside of the Squash Tunnel.

Slide the looped end of a Sure-Clip over one end of the Cross Brace (Figure 3) and position it so the curved part of the Clip fits around the closest Arch. Bend the open ends of the Clip around the Cross Brace, securing the Sure-Clip into place. **NOTE:** This may take some extra strength as the Clips are made to be tight. Repeat with the other outside Arch.

Figure 3

To attach the Cross Brace to the middle Arch, slide the open ends of the Sure-Clip around the Cross Support and then follow the instructions above (Figure 3).



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Figure 1

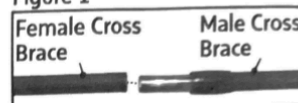


Figure 2

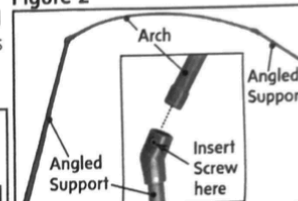
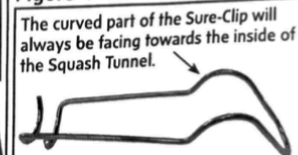


Figure 4



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