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**Hopatcong, NJ - *Tulsa Trail School Grows Good Character!***

**Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces -**

New this year, the Tulsa Trail Garden Club created a beautiful outdoor space for students to learn and grow! Several years ago, a garden was created at the back of the school building. This year, the students in the club along with teachers Alison Ibaceta, Britt Huss, and Kelly Carney, weeded, planted, and spread mulch to recreate a spectacular space for the students to enjoy!

Each month the students focused on character traits including teamwork, responsibility, respect, citizenship, and cooperation. Special guest speakers Scott Weber from Sunnyside Landscaping and Phil Smith from the Hopatcong Schools Maintenance Department, spoke to the students about these traits and how important it is to show good character in the workplace.

During art class, Mrs. Huss created character stones with the students. The students painted stones to represent traits of good character. The stones were placed in the garden to remind students to work together, show respect, and be trustworthy citizens.

The Garden Club was funded by the Hopatcong Education Association through a Project PRIDE grant. Special thanks to Sunnyside Landscaping, a local business that donated plants and mulch to our garden!

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, students were treated to a video montage and a garden party to celebrate their hard work and dedication to the Garden Club. Tulsa Trail is growing good character!



Students listened in as business owner Scott Weber discussed good character traits.



Teachers and students worked together to recreate a beautiful outdoor learning space.

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If you would like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with Cynthia Randina, Superintendent of Schools, please call JoAnne Murray at 973-398-8801 or email at [jmmurray@hopatcongschools.org](mailto:jmmurray@hopatcongschools.org).