

# Garden Open House at Stratton School

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Stratton School Art Teacher and Garden Coordinator Anne Flight teaches second grade students how to plant seeds in starter pots. Pictured here (left to right) are: Brady Arnold, Autumn Wyman, Laurie Pepin, Anne Flight, Alivia Lagasse and Lilia Rossi. (Denise MacKay photo)

STRATTON — The Stratton School Garden Committee had its annual seed planting day April 28 as part of a school-wide Healthy Nutrition Initiative. The HNI has helped students learn about the many aspects of growing a successful garden from seed and the importance of a healthy diet.

For the past four years, there has been a steady fundraising effort to purchase a Grow Dome that will facilitate a 10-month growing season. The produce will then supplement the school's breakfast and lunch programs.

During the past nine months, a number of local families have initiated a robust fundraising effort and raised over \$25,000 to purchase the dome.

“We are ecstatic to announce that the Grow Dome will be delivered to our school this August from a company called Growing Spaces located in Pagosa Springs, Col. ([www.growingspaces.com](http://www.growingspaces.com)),” a spokesperson for the school said.

June 3 Stratton School families and the community beyond are invited to the Garden Open House from 2 to 7 p.m. “We will welcome folks to come and see what we’ve been up to in the gardens or if you choose to you can get your hands dirty and assist in some garden chores!” the spokesperson concluded.

A schedule of events will be posted to the school’s website June 2: [www.strattonschool.org](http://www.strattonschool.org).

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