



## Summer Newsletter 2021



### Summer Camp with GrowingGreat

GrowingGreat is thrilled to kick off the summer with [PBS's CampTV.org](https://www.pbs.org/camp) and lots of fun hands-on activities you can do at home. STEM Education Manager Meghan Nealon is featured in the [Inside Out Day](#) episode. I hope you'll [follow us on Instagram](#) for updates about when our other episodes air.

As Covid-19 restrictions continue to lift, we hope to be back in gardens again in the Fall with our friends at KIPP Empower Academy, Los Angeles County Libraries, Leuzinger High School, Maple Primary Center, Variety Boys & Girls Club and many more to come! We will also continue our virtual programming for parents and children learning at home together and our GrowingGreat Veggies & Fruits programs with museums nationwide, sponsored by [Del Monte Foods](#).

Thank you all for supporting us through these challenging times. Wishing you a happy, healthy summer!

Best,  
Jennifer



### KIPP's Virtual Garden Club

This Spring, STEM Program Manager Meghan Nealon continued her work at KIPP Empower Academy in South Los Angeles. Each week she hosted a Virtual Garden Club where students participated in GrowingGreat STEM activities, observed the garden's progress, chose new seeds to plant, and assisted in identifying what was ready for harvest. You can read more about our partnership with KIPP SoCal [HERE](#). Kindergarteners explored what a plant needs to stay alive and the different parts of plants we eat, and helped plant squash and beans. Then they visited the garden in-person to observe their fruits and vegetables up close and take home materials for GrowingGreat's "Beans in a Bag" activity.



### Los Angeles County Libraries' Grab-and-Grow Kits

In April, GrowingGreat assembled and delivered 800 Grab-and-Grow kits, each including 6 hands-on STEM and garden activities. 600 kits were delivered to the Los Angeles County Libraries for distribution in 10 libraries in low-income communities, and an additional 200 kits have been distributed at Maple Primary Center, an inner-city LAUSD school. Library patrons joined GrowingGreat educators Meghan Nealon, Grace Sanchez and Maxwell Watson to have fun with the kit activities during live webinars in English and Spanish.

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Sneak Preview of Mr. Max's "Water A Plant" Activity before he appears on PBS

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