



Winter might seem like a quiet time for CitySprouts programs, but that's far from the truth. CitySprouts educators and students have been actively engaged in the classrooms, and on milder days they can still get outside to discover what's happening in their schoolyard and gardens. Soon, it will be time to start seeds for spring. Keep scrolling to find out what's in store for CitySprouts these next few weeks.

In the School Gardens 🌱



The gardens are dormant and the lessons have moved inside. So what does student learning look like away from the garden?

In our latest blog post, Youth Education Coordinator Leila Skinner and Garden Educator Jordan Finkelstein team up to deliver a much anticipated lesson on some of our favorite invertebrates: SNAILS! Click below to learn more about how CitySprouts educators teach science through hands-on learning, bringing the magic of the garden indoors.

[Read the blog](#)

CitySprouts' Summer Program application is now live! 🌱

The CitySprouts Summer Program is now welcoming applications for 2024. With locations in Boston and Cambridge, our summer program is a free opportunity designed for rising 5-8th graders to learn gardening, cooking, and leadership skills while working and spending time outdoors. Youth learn to be leaders and stewards in their community through a combination of garden work, STEAM-focused projects, and field trips to outdoor spaces within their community.



All CitySprouts summer programs run **Monday-Friday, 9AM-2PM**, are free to Boston and Cambridge families and include free daily lunch and weekly field trips.

Please visit [our website](#), contact our Youth Program Manager [Alex Frank](#), or click the button below to learn more about the program and how to apply!

[Applications here](#)

Dig It! 2024: Mark your calendars! 🌱



Community Connections 🌱



We love our community partners! Last month, CitySprouts Garden Educators and staff joined our partners at [The Food Project](#) and [Boston Community Gardens](#) at the [Dudley Greenhouse](#) to learn from volunteer garden coordinators on how to best start sweet potatoes. You can always find tons of sweet potatoes in our CitySprouts garden beds - not only do they serve as delicious, nutrient-rich food, but they also make for a great digging project for young hands.



If you didn't know, CitySprouts' young seedlings are actually sown at [The Food Project's Dudley Greenhouse](#) before they are transferred onto our school garden beds. Thanks to this critical community partnership, our students observe seedlings grow into a fruitful harvest each year! To show our appreciation, CitySprouts staff got their gloves and boots on last month to help clean up and prep the Greenhouse for spring. Thank you to Danielle for always welcoming us with open arms and for the years of support. We are grateful for our work together.



New year, new office - We're moving! 🌱

After 4 years of learning and growth in Inman Square, CitySprouts is moving our office space back to Central! We're excited for this change in scenery and grateful to still be present in the Cambridge community.

Starting April 1st, our new address will be [678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite #904, Cambridge, MA 02139](#).



Are you a local school garden professional in the Greater Boston community? If so, join CitySprouts at our *School Garden Gathering* to network, collaborate, and share the successes and challenges of working in our field. On February 23, from 10AM - 2PM at the Dudley Greenhouse. [RSVP HERE](#).



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