

RIVERVIEW FARMS

The RioVision team that worked for the past two and a half years has completed the major portion of the first phase of the Riverview Farms project at the middle school. The last group of 12 planter boxes have been built, installed and filled with good soil. Soon the students will plant their Fall crops. Lira's has agreed to have a space in their market for the students to sell their crops. Be sure to shop from it and share RioVision's support of our youth.

In the next few months, a gardening shed will be built, fruit trees will be planted and a compost pile started. This will complete the first phase of the project.

Don Beno, Superintendent of the River Delta Unified School District has just given permission to proceed with the second phase of the project ... developing bocce ball courts. When completed, these courts will be used by the Riverview School students and the surrounding community.

This was one of RioVision's major projects, made possible by individual contributions, a couple grants and sweat equity by a number of volunteers. To keep this type of progress going in Rio Vista, RioVision just held a "meet and greet" where 23 new volunteers signed up to help on the next group of projects. This is how we keep this community building going.

Pictured are (left to right): Tom Surh, RioVision Board Vice President; Joe Perpetuo, box builder extraordinaire; Walt Manos, RioVision Board Member and Project Leader; Don Beno, River Delta Unified School District Superintendent; Jim Wheeler, past RioVision Executive Director; and Dan Mahoney, retired Riverview School Principal and equipment operator par excellence. Principal Sonia Rambo and volunteer George Robinette are not pictured, but were part of the team to bring this project to a successful conclusion. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

