A New Look at Boxing
Finding the Surface Area of a Container
Activity

I received this email the other day:

Hello,
As some of you might know, the food pantry that was operational at Pinckney Elementary for the last 8 years has been moved to Farley Hill Elementary. We have been feeding 100 - 150 community members each week. We are nearly out of food. Gleaners, Walmart, Busch's, and others are also running low on donations. We need your help. Please do what you can to help us gather much needed food for our community. At this time we will be open one or two more weeks.

Our school frequently runs canned food drives around Halloween and Thanksgiving for our local families but I think our students can find different, or more sustainable ways, to provide food for our community. Ideas?

This summer, Mr. Kroll and I talked to a former graduate from Pinckney High School. He and some colleagues have formed The Michigan Urban Farming Initiative (http://www.miufi.org/). They are located in Detroit. They are doing incredible things at their property. They have taken a city block and turned it into a garden. This gave me some ideas. I thought we should create a community garden at the high school. So why should we do this? Read why some people think this is important.

http://www.thetravelingyogi.com/why-you-should-participate-in-a-community-garden/

http://matadornetwork.com/change/why-you-need-to-start-growing-your-own-vegetables-now/

So what do we need?

Vegetable gardens are difficult for some people to tend. They are usually low to the ground, which is difficult for people with disabilities and some elderly to take care of. I googled raised planter boxes and found some different options. http://www.naturalyards.com/planters/standing.

The other item that we need to decide on is what vegetables we should plant. Everyone has their favorites and some are easier to grow and tend to than others. http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/vegetable-gardening-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html We also need to decide where we are going to place the vegetables within the bed. http://home.howstuffworks.com/designing-a-vegetable-garden.htm