

San Joaquin County Office of Education

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 017-057: Greenhouse Plant Sale April 28, 2017 Contact: Lauren Dinubilo, (209) 468-9297 Mary Bennett, (209) 292-2900

Redwood School Students to Host Semi-Annual Plant Sale

Sale provides opportunity for students with disabilities to learn vocational skills

What:The students at Redwood School will learn valuable vocational skills while hosting their
Semi-Annual Greenhouse Sale. The sale will have succulents in planters, shrubs, and other
assorted house plants. Costs range from \$1 to \$20.

The money raised from the sale will help support the ongoing efforts of maintaining the greenhouse, which includes purchasing of the soil, pots, plant starters, tools, and other necessary materials.

Earlier this year a group of women from the Junior League of San Joaquin volunteered to help clean and maintain the garden in order for it to be suitable to grow healthy plants. They also helped organize the sale and provided pots and plants.

Redwood School is a special education site operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education for students with severe disabilities ages 6 to 22 located in rural Stockton. Students in the school learn vocational skills that will help them live more independently in their adult life. The greenhouse at Redwood School is a facility used as vocational training for students who are severely handicapped and supports the school's curriculum. While selling the greenhouse plants, Redwood students will learn customer-service and other skills that they will need to develop for future jobs. Earlier this year the students were able to raise nearly \$2,000 from the plant sale in November.

When: Wednesday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Redwood School 3555 Wilmarth Road Stockton, CA 95215

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