



Return Trip to Gardens Helps Elementary School Program Grow Strong Roots

With kindergarten students rolling down a hill and then drawing with chalk on the sidewalk, and fourth graders digging in the dirt, energy was contagious a couple of weeks ago at the Allen County Purdue Extension Office gardens. A group of Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Education faculty and staff were guiding the Abbett Elementary students in the continuation of a program introducing them to the joy of gardening.

After an initial **field trip** for 100 students in October, the PFW group led by Julia Smith, assistant professor of early childhood education, Sharon Parnin, clinical assistant professor of educational psychology, and Hyun Jin Cho, assistant professor of education psychology, made weekly visits to seven Abbett classrooms. Along with many discussions and examples, they talked about the science of growing seedlings and planting using grow towers to maximize space. Sometimes they

brought treats such as salsa and chips to talk about where peppers and tomatoes come from.

"I like that our students have started these plants in our classrooms; they've cared for them, and now they get to see the next part," said fourth grade teacher Mike Flohr. "They've gotten to see things grow and track the progress, and now they are getting to plant them here."

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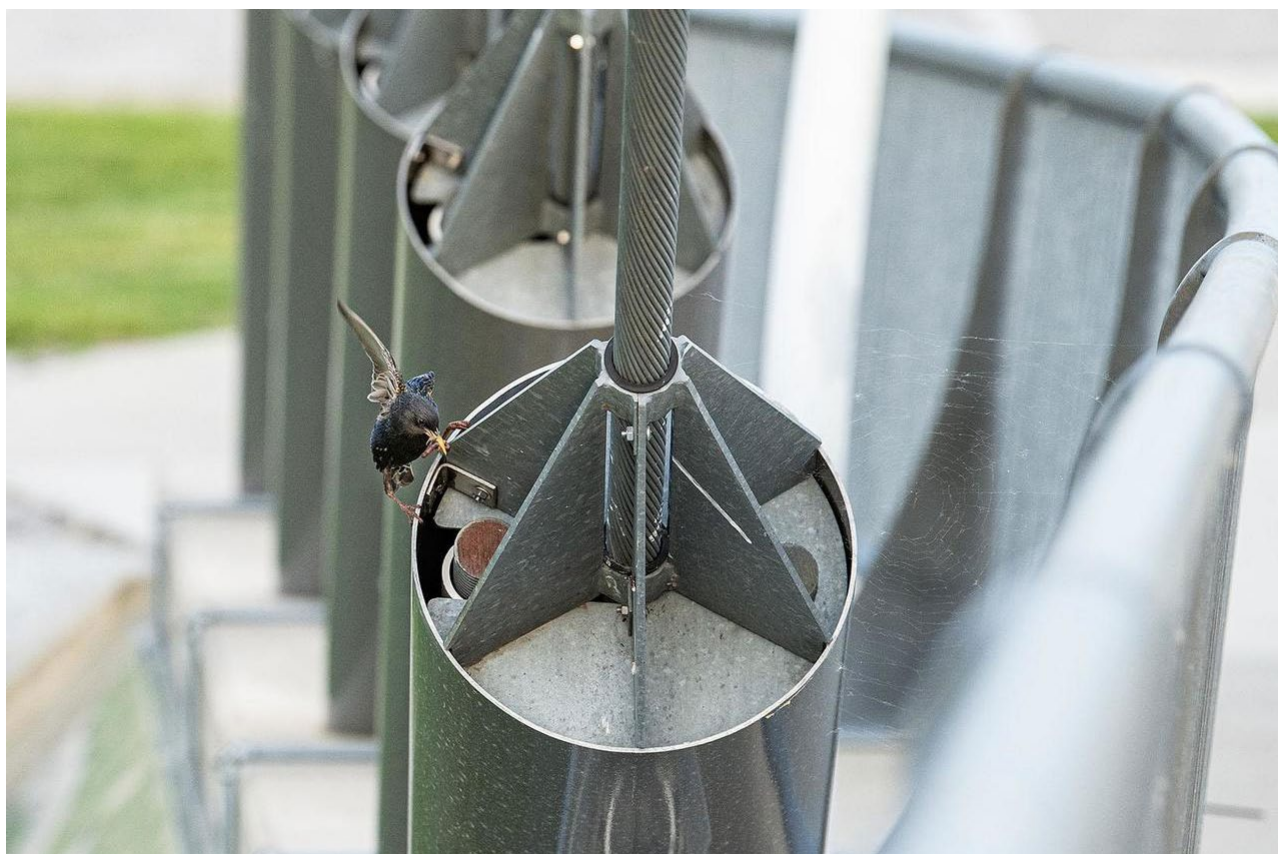
Purdue IT Scheduled to Start Display Name Format Change June 9

Already in place for PFW faculty, staff, and students, Purdue IT will begin a directory global display name format change for users on all other campuses and locations systemwide on June 9. As part of the transition, which will likely be most noticeable in Outlook inboxes and on Teams, all users will be identified by first name—middle name or initial, if applicable—and last name.

Purdue IT says the change will provide improved functionality with non-windows host authentication requirements, in addition to providing standardization.

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A mother starling brings dinner to a hungry brood safely nested within the framework of the Ron Venderly Family Bridge, high above the St. Joseph River.

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