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Baldwin Park Unified, Partners Celebrate Conclusion of Awardwinning Garden Program

WHAT: Baldwin Park Unified and Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center will hold a yearend celebration for their award-winning Nutrition in the Garden partnership, which teaches elementary students the value of healthy eating. The program received a 2017 Golden Bell from the California School Boards Association.

About 80 students along with instructors, parents, school and Kaiser Permanente officials will attend the event, which will feature a meal made and served by students from garden produce.

- WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursday, May 10
- WHERE: Baldwin Park Community Garden, 13067 Bess Ave., Baldwin Park
- **DETAILS:** More than 160 fourth-graders from Baldwin Park Unified elementary schools planted seeds in the community garden, tended them throughout the year and harvested the produce. They transformed the ingredients into recipes to share with their families. Students also planted seeds in cups as home-garden projects and studied physical and life science topics. Students received cookbooks with the recipes they explored during the year.

The celebration will include testimonials from students from DeAnza and Bursch elementary schools and comments from Kaiser Permanente Senior Vice President/Area Manager Maggie Pierce and Chief Administrative Officer Sheryl Sack, gardening instructor George Funk and food and nutrition instructor Reya Steele, as well as Baldwin Park Unified Board of Education Vice President Diana E. Dzib and Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza.

MEDIA: Call William Diepenbrock at 909-206-5304 to arrange coverage.

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