

# Wilsonburg Elementary



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In honor of Earth Day this year, we decided to take the Bonnie Plants Giant Cabbage Challenge. First and second grade students were asked to take home and plant one of the 40 giant cabbage plants that were donated to us by Bonnie Plants. These oversized cabbage plants may grow larger than a basketball and can weigh anywhere from 35 to 75 lbs. The students will grow their giant cabbage over the summer. At harvest time the students are asked to weigh the cabbage head and take a photo with it. One winner will be chosen from each class and entered into the state drawing for a \$1000 scholarship.

Bonnie Plants has been sponsoring this program since 1996 and it is currently offered in 48 states nationwide. Bonnie Plants was one of the first companies to sponsor a national vegetable gardening initiative for children. Over the years Bonnie Plants has delivered over 14 million cabbage plants to students. This program helps foster an interest in gardening, healthy eating and the environment.

