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## **Camden's BPLA Students and Staff to Plant Native Pollinator Garden in Partnership with Red Oak Permaculture**

On Friday, October 25th, staff and students of Camden's Big Picture Learning Academy (BPLA) will plant a native pollinator garden outside the academy's entrance. This beautification project is designed to enhance the school community's mental health, wellness, and pride, while providing a hands-on educational opportunity. Students will learn how native gardens, featuring plants specifically adapted to Camden's environment, contribute to combating climate change. Additionally, the project is a collaboration with Red Oak Permaculture, a local leader in sustainable outdoor design, which will expose students to potential careers in the environmental sector. This garden is just the beginning of a broader initiative to transform BPLA's outdoor space into a living educational resource that will include student artwork, wildlife areas, and communal seating.

**WHEN:** October 25, 2024 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**WHERE:** Camden High Campus  
1700 Park Blvd. Camden, NJ

**WHO:** BPLA Students and Staff, Red Oak Permaculture Representatives, Local Environmental Advocates and Supporters

### **Visual Opportunities:**

- Students and staff planting and arranging native plants
- Representatives from Red Oak Permaculture guiding students
- Engaged learning moments as students discover the impact of native gardens on the local ecosystem

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