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| **Nine HISD schools join together to hold Whole Kids Farmers Market**  *Green-thumb students will sell vegetables, herbs from campus gardens*    After two weather-related postponements, students from nine Houston ISD schools will hold the first farmers market of its size in the Houston area to be run by children at the Whole Foods store in Montrose, **701 Waugh Dr. at West Dallas, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29**. The third time should be the charm, as the forecast is for dry, mild weather, with temperatures in the high 70s.    Shoppers at the Whole Kids Farmers Market will find a variety of fresh vegetables and herbs that were grown in Urban Harvest-affiliate school gardens. Choices will include beets, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages, kale, lettuces, Swiss chard, snap peas, edible flowers, and herbs. The students will also sell garden and craft products, such as pots, transplants, seed packets and potted plants. All proceeds will be reinvested in the schools’ gardens or culinary programs.    “Through this effort we not only tie in academia, but we also inspire entrepreneurialism, environmentalism, leadership and economics,” said Kellie Karavias, culinary arts/garden teacher at Gregory-Lincoln Education Center. “It’s a win-win for everyone, most importantly the kids.”    The first attempt at the farmers market was called off because of rain, and the second occurred when January’s ice damaged crops.    Participating campuses include Briargrove, Garden Oaks, Helms, Kolter and Travis elementary schools, Davis and Westside high schools, Gregory-Lincoln Education Center and Wilson Montessori. |

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