

SPOOKtacular Scarecrows

It seems September just arrived, but before you know it, October will be here. Once your garden is cleaned up from a busy summer, keep your gardeners busy by making your own scarecrows.

Start planning your scarecrows now so they will be ready for October.

- Have students vote on a theme for your scarecrow such as motorcycle rider, doctor, cheerleader, astronaut—there's no limit to the creativity here.
- Send a note home asking for donations to help complete your project.
- You'll need a stake to secure the scarecrow in the ground, unless he/ she will be sitting on something as part of the costume (chair, bicycle, etc.)
- Set a deadline for all scarecrows to be completed and displayed in the garden.
- Invite some "celebrity" judges (superintendent, principal, mayor) to award prizes for first, second and third place. You can even create some other judging categories such as most original, scariest, etc.
- Be sure and mention your scarecrow display to any guests visiting your school so they can enjoy a walk through the garden.
- Notify your local newspaper of your scarecrow city.

You may even want to bring your scarecrow inside for the winter and save it until you need to protect your crops the following spring and summer.