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Gardening with Kids

Jan Decker, Junior Gardeners' Club Coordinator

Thanks to all the kids who entered our first Junior Gardeners' Club "My Mom's the Best Mom because..." and "My Dad's the Best Dad because ..." contests. It wasn't easy selecting only one from each age group in these two contests. If I could have, I would have given everyone a prize.

Besides the usual reasons like taking care of them when they're sick and cooking their favorite foods, many of the kids expressed feelings about what their parents did with them, not just for them. Another common theme was the security of love that was felt even through the child's own "ugly moods" and when parents were sometimes "mean" (I'll translate that to mean administering discipline).

Again this year for Father's Day, bring your kids to any one of Johnson's three locations on June 15-16 for "Tadpoles for Dad" and watch the kids squeal with delight as they catch their very own tadpole for dad.

If you haven't brought the kids in for their pumpkin seeds and to officially register for the Pumpkin Growing Contest, do that soon.

Remember, if the kids have plant care questions as they tend their garden projects this summer, our staff is here to help.