

Coming this Spring: The Outdoor Classroom

We are en route to start with construction of the Seth Boyden Outdoor Classroom this spring! We completed the public bid process and are now ready to award the construction contract!

The Outdoor Classroom can be used for many purposes: Classroom, performance and meeting venue. It will have electricity, a PA system and WiFi capability.

The space consists of three intersecting circles, which are framed and embraced with landscaped berms, trees and ground cover:

- **Classroom Circle:** sized like a regular classroom, the circle will have tables and seating for an entire class, as well as a board for teaching.
- **Improvisation Nook:** breakout area for students to work on their own, in small groups or in performances.
- **Art Nook:** a floor for chalk drawing; surrounded by bird and butterfly houses and instructional panels.

SETH BOYDEN demonstration school



Habitat Garden and Arboretum

In addition to the Outdoor Classroom, the OLC Committee is working to enhance the natural learning experience within the Seth Boyden School yard beyond the Outdoor Classroom.

The **Habitat Garden** is being renewed with a new set of plants, that will form a low, dense understory and a thick canopy. The new design will recreate a landscape similar to what was there before the settlement, while at the same time limiting the overgrowth so that the space will remain safe to play.

The **Arboretum**: Our Landscape Architect is proposing a selection of native trees to be added to the school's backyard, to give the children an experience of being in a meadow surrounded by trees, helping them to appreciate the beauty of nature and our responsibilities in preserving it.



Design of the renewed Habitat Garden

Your Support is important!

Join other parents, friends and local businesses in supporting the Outdoor Learning Initiatives:

- Buy a donor brick \$100
we will engrave the brick with your words
- Sponsor a tree
We will place a sign with your name or message next to the tree
Dogwood / Birch \$300
Oak / Maple / White Pine \$700



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