

Why an outdoor classroom?

Research shows that children who have contact with the outdoors experience:

- Positive social and fine-motor development
- Reduction in stress and negative peer interactions
- Improvement in the development of creativity and imagination

An outdoor space paired with the exceptional teaching staff of OES will support:

- Whole-child development
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Literacy
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Visual-Spatial Learning
- AND MUCH MORE!

DONATE SUPPLIES!

We need logs for seating, tools for gardening, wheelbarrows for hauling, and old sails for shade.

*"It'd be good to be outside."
-Camden DeVos, OES student*

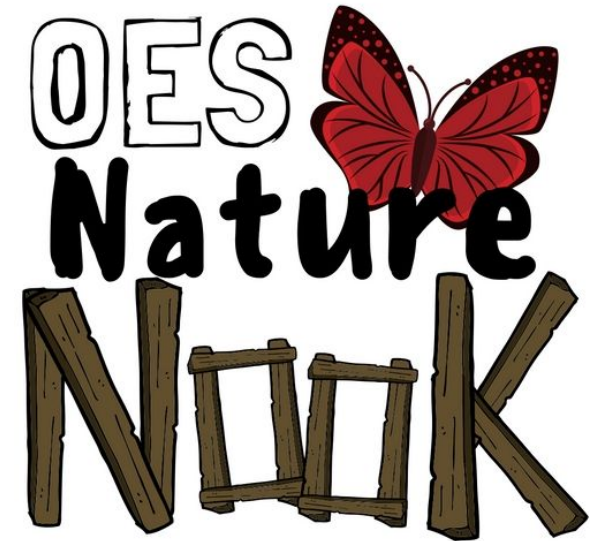
Research tells us that time in nature inspires creativity, promotes health, decreases stress, improves learning, and promotes a crucial connection to the environment.

Teachers will use the various areas within the outdoor classroom to increase the time our kids spend with nature. It will be an area where teachers can provide hands-on learning experiences unique to Okoboji Elementary School!

Our mission is that, through the OES Nature Nook, not only will students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, but each student will leave OES with a deeper understanding and appreciation of our natural environment and a desire to protect and conserve that environment for the rest of their lives.

"We could actually experience real-life environments"

-Sawyer Leman, OES student



The purpose of the outdoor classroom project, named the OES Nature Nook, is to revitalize the school's underutilized courtyard area as a learning space for students and teachers.

This area will be used as a gathering and teaching space for all subject areas and grade levels at Okoboji Elementary.



YES! I would like to help, now what?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I would like to sponsor an entire feature. *Awesome!*

Feature: _____

Amount Included: _____

- I would like to donate to help fund the project. *Great!*

Amount Included: _____

- I have supplies I'd like to donate to the project. *Super!*

Supplies: _____

- I would like to volunteer my time to assist in the building of the outdoor classroom.

Fantastic! We'll be in touch!

Please attach this form and make checks payable to OES Outdoor Classroom. Mail or deliver to: Okoboji Elementary School

705 N Avenue

Milford, IA 51351

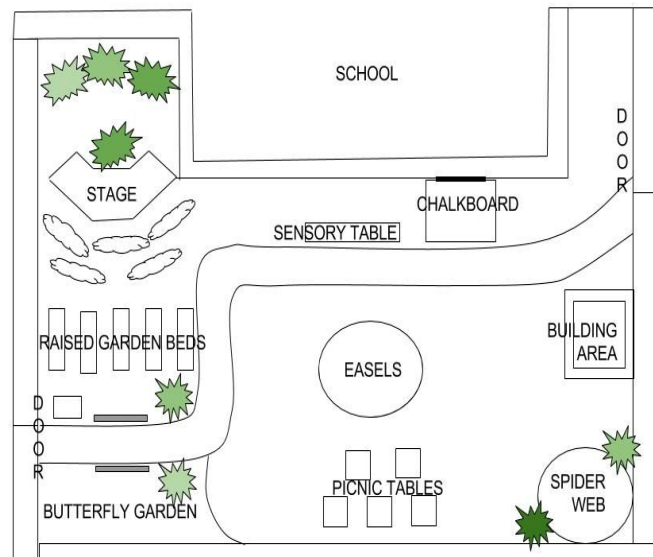
Contact the Committee!

Phone: 712-338-2458 ask for Emily Lindgren

Email: elindgren@okoboji.k12.ia.us

SPONSOR a FEATURE!

2 Shade Sails (\$200 each)	\$400 FUNDED!
6 Easels (\$200 each)	\$1,200
Sensory Table	\$230 FUNDED!
6 Logs for Seating(\$300 each)	\$1,800 FUNDED!
5 Picnic Tables (\$450 each)	\$2,250 FUNDED!
School Mural Supplies	\$500
Outdoor Chalkboard	\$500 FUNDED!
Tools for Students	\$500 FUNDED!
6 Raised Garden Beds	\$2,000 FUNDED!
Plants for Raised Garden Beds	\$600 FUNDED!
Tool Shed	\$700 FUNDED!
5 Mature Trees (\$700 each)	\$3,500
Building/messy area	\$1,000 FUNDED!
Butterfly Garden	\$1,000 FUNDED!
Stage	\$3,000 FUNDED!
Mulch	\$10,000
Giant Spider Web Area	\$15,000 FUNDED!



Key Features of the Space:

Logs for Seating and Picnic Tables:

Teaching and learning spaces.

Sensory Table: *Students will have the opportunity to explore nature's varying textures like rocks, pine cones, sand, and shells. **FUNDED!***

Building Area: *Students will have a wide variety of materials for designing and building structures.*

Outdoor Chalkboard Space: **FUNDED!**

A teaching and learning space.

Easels: *A creative space for students.*

School Mural: *Students will have the opportunity to put their own touch on the aesthetics of the classroom.*

Shade Sails: *To make the space more comfortable and safe, we will install shade sails to block out some of the sun's harmful rays.*

Giant Spider Web Reading Area: **FUNDED!**

Posts and nets will be secured to provide an eye-catching reading area for students.

Raised Garden Beds: **FUNDED!** *We hope to make it possible for kids to have a connection with plants as well as the foods they eat. It will allow us to teach the principles of farming and provide an area where our teachers can inspire the joy of growing and nurturing living things.*

Butterfly Garden: *Life-cycles of plants and animals can be observed first hand!*

Stage: **FUNDED!** *Students will have the opportunity to develop listening, speaking and performing skills while building confidence on an outdoor stage.*

Logs for Seating: *For stage audience and more!*

Trees and Native Plants

Shed: *For storage! **FUNDED!***