

REBUILD OUR

# Outdoor Classroom

Your donation can support:



## DONATION LEVELS:

**\$1 - \$49** - EVERY donation helps us reach our goal of creating an enriching, flexible and accessible learning space for all learners!

**\$50** - receive a 4x4 tile to decorate and be displayed on our Giving Garden Posts located throughout the outdoor classroom.

**\$100** - receive a 6x6 tile to decorate and be displayed on our Giving Garden Posts located throughout the outdoor classroom.

**\$250** - receive an 8x8 tile to decorate and be displayed on our Giving Garden Posts located throughout the outdoor classroom.

**\$500** - support the planting of a tree, a pollinator garden or storage. Donors will receive an 8x8 tile to decorate and be displayed on our Giving Garden Posts located throughout the outdoor classroom, as well as a plaque or sign on or near the project.

**\$1000 and above** - supports projects like the amphitheater, greenhouse, water tanks, shade structure for playing field, and pavilion. Donors will receive an 12x12 tile to decorate and be displayed on our Giving Garden Posts located throughout the outdoor classroom, as well as a plaque or sign on or near the project.

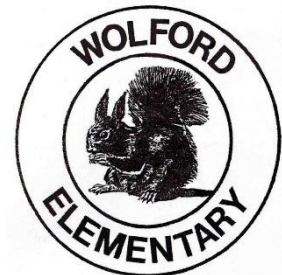
## CONNECT KIDS TO NATURE

- Learning outside promotes academic achievement through hands-on, experiential learning.
- Being in nature helps students focus attention and regulate behavior.
- Supports creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.
- Easily aligns with state learning standards.

## Plan your end of year giving at Wolford!

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# Outdoor Classroom Projects:

With input from the staff, the fall was focused on projects to get more shade, flexible seating options, and storage for our current playground/outdoor classroom. *To see completed projects, check out our Facebook page – Wolford PTO.*

## FUTURE PROJECTS:



**PLANT TREES** – Trees provide shade, learning opportunities and housing for wildlife. Our goal is to vary the species of trees and include many drought-resistant varieties. \***Volunteer opportunity** – Tree watering – once planted, the new trees will need to be watered year-round for the first 3 years.



**WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM** – Due to lack of water available, it is essential to create a water collection system that includes large water collection tanks, solar pumps, hoses, etc. We will need to water our new trees and gardens. \***Volunteer Opportunity** – once the system is in place, we will need volunteers to help water on a regular schedule, especially during the summer.



**REBUILD THE HIKING TRAIL** – Before the fire there was a trail that circled the space. Our goal is to rebuild the trail and include various education centers throughout the space.



**GREENHOUSE AND RAISED BEDS** – Due to the climate, we want to provide both raised beds and a covered garden growing option. Students can learn about plants, get hands on with the planting and the care of the plants. ~\$2500 to fund the greenhouse \***Raised beds are a potential Eagle Scout Project.**



**STORAGE** – Storage will be needed for ready access to supplies. We will create garden, curriculum and activities storage structures that are easily accessible to teachers and students.



**SHADE STRUCTURE** – Shade is essential for outdoor learning, but tent-type structures don't hold up well with the wind. We will need to build a permanent structure for the gym teacher near the playing field.



**AMPHITHEATER** – Having a variety of outdoor seating options encourages use of the space. A multi-level area with a stage will be created that can be used for classes, performances and presentations. Solar could be used to power a sound system.



**PAVILION** – With the variable weather patterns and lack of trees currently in the classroom, a permanent structure will be built that will allow for year-round use. Solar could be used to power lights and heat, as well as provide a learning experience for students. **\*\*Looking for a community partner for this big project!**

Help us provide a sustainable, flexible, and accessible outdoor classroom  
for the students at Wolford for many years to come!

Thank you for your support! – Wolford PTO