

Outdoor Classroom Proposal



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Leadership Club: Memorial Garden

- The leadership club started a project of revamping the memorial garden in the past 1-2 years.
- In honor of the students and staff that have passed.
- This is the start of something great as we collaborate in making it an outdoor learning space too!

6th grade Civics Engagement

Civic Responsibilities:

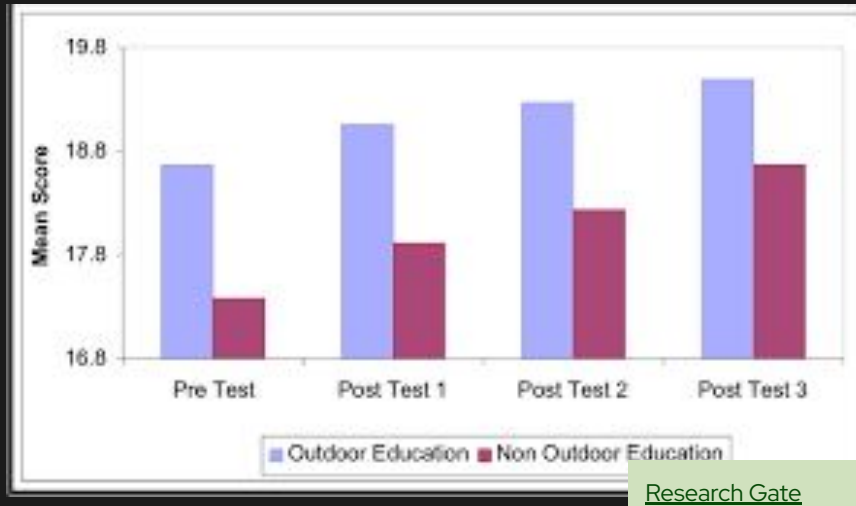
- ★ We learned about Civics in our Humanities class.
- ★ A responsibility of American citizens is to give back to their community.
- ★ We want to give back to our SSMS by creating an outdoor learning space for everyone to use and benefit from!

Benefits of an Outdoor Classroom

Outdoor Classrooms can have a benefit on all students through increasing engagement, attention, social awareness, group collaboration, motivation, and leadership. This will especially help the many students enrolled in Steamboat Springs Middle School who have reportedly struggled with focus from the transition from Elementary.

Ms. Klings class went outside for an assignment, and 100% of the students felt more focused.

This graph shows the mean scores on life effectiveness skills tested in an outdoor classroom vs an indoor classroom. This was conducted by a study in Melbourne on 150 boys.



[Research Gate](#)

According to UCLA health, being outside exposes you to vitamin D which is good for your immune system, and could decrease absences.

According to the American Psychological Association being outside boosts mood, and improves mental health.

An Outdoor Classroom could increase opportunity and connection!

Sciences

- Science would be better outside because you're surrounded by nature and environmental intake instead of in an isolated classroom.

Active projects

- Projects in school can get chaotic and loud. When students have more space to engage in learning, the learning will be deeper, more calm, and the nature can provide a medium for study.

Student Ownership

- If we were able to to bring this project into action, students will feel connected to SSMS because we helped make it happen.

Safety and weather

Managing Safety

We will be sure to take safety precautions and be cautious with wildlife.

Student emergencies:

There will also be a radio to the school nurse and a device capable of calling emergency services if needed.

There could eventually be a medical cabinet equipped with an EpiPen and other medical supplies.

Weather precautions

Staff will make sure to check the temperature, and go inside when it is hailing, snowing, raining, etc.

Fundraising Efforts

Memorial garden:

- Leadership Club has partnered with PIC
- Donations have been made by community members

Our Call to Action Project:

- There was an outdoor classroom project that had gotten some funds.
- These funds remain unused. We believe that these funds could be used towards an outdoor classroom to benefit us and future generations.

Class Roles:

Students have taken on many roles:

- Grant writing
- Donation letters
- District Outreach
- Poster creation
- Construction Design



This year's goal is to
attain outdoor
classroom furniture.

Estimated Costs of an Outdoor
Classroom:

Link to costs:

[Cost of outdoor classroom](#)



Thank you

Please reach out to
Ms.Kling's Class with further
inquiry and interest!