

# Outdoor Classroom Complete!

*Your generous donations made it possible!*

**BEFORE**





***AFTER***





5th graders  
creating art



Students  
connecting doing  
activities during  
recess



6th Grade Science  
collecting data

## Notes of gratitude from our Teachers and Administrators:

"The outdoor classroom space has been an incredible addition to our school and provides another learning experience for our students. My 5th graders have used the space several times for reading of our novel, art and some creative writing time. The new learning classroom provides a fresh perspective for whatever lesson we are tackling. Thank you to everyone who made this learning space a possibility!" ***Mrs. Ashley Loos, 5th Grade Teacher***

"The outdoor classroom is a great place to get my students gathered before dispersing to collect data in the schoolyard. (Most recently they were collecting qualitative and quantitative data by observing elementary students and features of the playground!) It is also a nice space for the class to regroup, discuss data, and present their findings. I'm excited to use the outdoor classroom for some of our messier Earth-Space Science labs that would be a pain to hold inside my classroom!" ***Ms. Speicher, 6th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher***

"It has been such a treat for the high school teachers to have a novel location to take students to enhance a lesson. The table size and shape is conducive to collaborating while learning. The overall atmosphere of the outdoor classroom is calming and provides a nice environment for our students to be creative while they learn. We truly appreciate having this space as an option!" ***Mrs. Andersen, High School Principal***

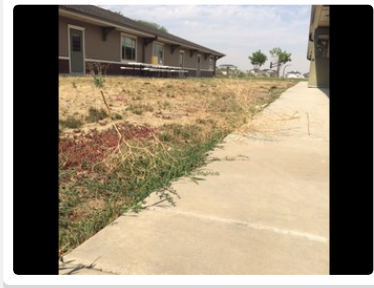
"Along with being a wonderful alternative learning location, the outdoor classroom as provided a space for students to connect during recess. We have added a wagon full of games, activities and art options that create opportunities for connection and relationship building beyond traditional recess options. It such a joy to see students using this outdoor classroom in ways above and beyond our initial vision! Thank you for making this happen for our students." ***Mrs. Davis, Elementary Principal***

"We are grateful for the support of our community in order to build the outdoor classroom. It is providing our teachers, and more importantly our students a unique venue for alternative instruction. In addition, I enjoyed seeing it used by our 6th grade class to hold a singing competition during their lunch." ***Mr. Bogdanoff, Middle School Vice Principal***

On behalf of all of us at North Star, thank you for your generous support of the Sports Complex and Playground Campaign these past three years! Together, we have made great strides in the vision to create a functional play, athletic and learning space for our students and community. We would not be where we are today without the generous support of so many of you! ***Joanna O'Donnell, Director of Advancement and Community Relations***

So many improvements over the past three years...

## **BEFORE**



## **AFTER**



Additional Slide and Playground



Pops of color and NS Husky



Outdoor Classroom Plaza



Leveled field



Multi-sport court



Outdoor fitness circuit

## What's next?

Shade Sails for Elementary and Secondary courtyards will be installed summer of 2020. We had hoped to have them completed this summer but due to the complex engineering involved with commercial grade sails, this process has taken longer than expected.

## Stewardship Corner

As recipients of your generous donations, we take seriously our role as stewards of your gifts. The complexity of the work being done in the Sports Complex and Playground project prevents us from going into much accounting detail here, **but this information is available if you desire.** Please contact Joanna O'Donnell [jodonnell@northstarcharter.org](mailto:jodonnell@northstarcharter.org) or 208-939-9600 ext 406.

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