

# Empire's Outdoor Play Space!



Did you know that when children play outdoors it encourages them to take risks and helps them to discover the real world using all of their senses? There are so many benefits of outdoor play! It offers opportunities to explore and investigate, increases physical activity, improves brain function due to a higher concentration of oxygen, encourages care of the environment, and increases rich dialogue and communication. What more could you ask for? How can we offer this opportunity to our students?

By building a new and exciting **naturalized play space** that can be open all year! It may include items such as an outdoor stage or stepping blocks. Please check out our design company's website, [www.earthscapeplay.ca](http://www.earthscapeplay.ca) . They have such amazing ideas, but we want your input as well! On the back of this flyer we would like you to tell us what you hope to see, what are your suggestions? Please fill out the form, detach it, and send it to school with your child.



School Council would like to raise \$50, 000 for this project and we need your help! Over the course of the year we will be doing some fundraisers to reach our goal. Our first fundraiser is December 3-17.

Many families purchase presents for their teachers for the holidays. School Council would like to offer you the opportunity to make a donation in your teacher's name to our naturalized playground. You can send cash, cheque (made out to Empire P.S.) or make a donation online using WEFI – Empire Playground (accessed through our school website to receive tax receipts). Then cut off one of the cards below and give it to your teacher.

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions regarding this project please email Karen at [kptmadsen@sympatico.ca](mailto:kptmadsen@sympatico.ca) .

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**A donation to our naturalized playground has been made in your name by:**

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Please share your ideas! What would you like to see in our naturalized playground space?

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