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Ochre Park School Creating Outdoor Classroom

Three years in the making, school in Redwater is raising funds to help finish the build

STURGEON COUNTY – For the past three years Ochre Park School staff has been planning and building an outdoor classroom. The vision is to enhance the school yard into places that will spark interest, curiosity, and learning for students in a variety of curricular areas.

The Outdoor Classroom will have three main components:

- An enhanced area in the front of the school to make it more conducive to sitting, gathering, and journaling. There will be beautiful seating areas and planter boxes for flowers and root vegetable growing.
- Planting Spruce, Trembling Aspen, and Columnar Crab Apple trees with a grant from Trees Canada to provide shelter and further learning opportunities.
- The creation of an outdoor walking/learning path through the tree line, creating a safe space for exploration and learning.

Many staff, parent council, and volunteers have been working to pull things together. So far, planter boxes, planter benches, and picnic tables have been built all by donations and volunteer labour. There is still much work to be done and funds needed to complete it.

A Silent Auction Fundraiser in support of Ochre Park School Outdoor Classroom has been created featuring works by local artist Fred Moody. The online auction goes from **May 25th to 28th**. The artwork can be viewed at this link before bidding begins on Tuesday, May 25th. www.32auctions.com/fredmoody2021

“We are excited to provide this great outdoor learning space for our students. Great learning takes place everywhere, and we want to give our students the opportunity to learn and grow in new exciting ways,” says Principal Roxanne Filipchuk. “With your support we hope this fundraiser will help us reach that goal.”

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