

# Lincoln Outdoor Classroom Project

2018/2019

**Our Mission:** We envision an outdoor learning space where we can teach science as well as many other lessons. We feel like this outdoor classroom can provide our school with the opportunity for students to get outside and learn in a natural environment incorporating fresh air, movement, and hands on experiences with enough room to explore and can get a bit messy without worry. We would like to keep a collection of grade appropriate lessons on hand for all teachers to use and add to as we go. We would like to involve the community in the creation and use of this classroom. We would also like to eventually move the gardens over to this area and are looking to have rain barrels for watering. We are excited for the possibilities for expanding our ideas. The possibilities are endless!

## Steps we have taken thus far:

In the spring of 2017, we...

- talked with Mrs. Gauthier
- talked with Mr. Anastasio
- talked with John Pucciarelli and Leif Dahlin
- invited Ben Murray from Coffin Engineering to come give us an estimate
- talked with new director of buildings and grounds, Jon Stonier
- presented the idea to the PTC at Lincoln School
- went and visited other schools that have an outdoor classroom

Everyone that we have spoken with has been intrigued, excited, and enthusiastic about this project. All of this led to the following timeline for the completion of this project:

- **Spring and summer of 2018-** The removal of shrubs and fence in the area beside the walkway to provide space for the outdoor classroom.
- **Summer of 2018** – Jon Stonier will oversee the preparation and completion of the cement pad that the outdoor classroom will sit on.
- **Spring 2019** – The structure will be built with the help of CATC.

## Estimated costs of the project:

- Cement pad- \$900.00
- Wooden frame materials- \$2500.00
- Labor- Free

