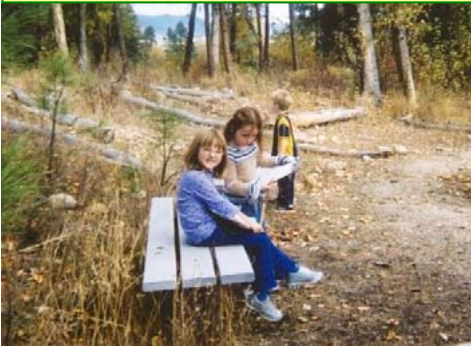
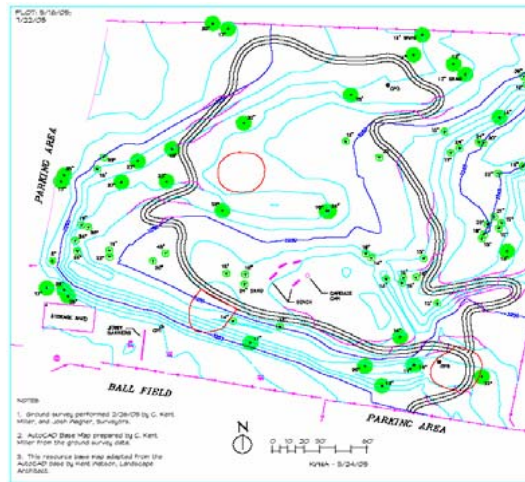


JOIN US IN
MAKING THE
**OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM**
A REALITY!



***"Tell me, and I
will forget.
Show me, and
I may
remember.
Involve me,
and I will
understand."***

-Confucius



Your Outdoor Classroom

What is the Outdoor Classroom?

Florence Carlton school is fortunate to have a relatively large outdoor classroom immediately adjacent to the school, which is essentially undeveloped and supports relatively intact native woody vegetation and a variety of grass and herbaceous species. The Outdoor Classroom was designated a Schoolyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, one of only seven schools in the state of Montana with such a designation. Although the area is a unique resource for the school, it remains under-utilized and its potential to serve educational purposes remains underdeveloped. This year with the help of ECOS, your Florence Carlton teachers, your children and you, we hope to make the outdoor classroom a better place for us all.

What is ECOS?

ECOS is a collaboration between schools, teachers, and students at the University of Montana and funded by the National Science foundation GK12 program. Together we will be promoting hands-on science education in K-12 schools by using the schoolyard and adjacent open areas as outdoor laboratories for learning about the environment.

ECOS
Ecologists Educators and Schools
Partners in GK-12 Education



Plans for this year.....

- ◆ Construction of an all-weather, wheelchair accessible **nature trail!**
- ◆ Development and installation of **nature stations** at strategic points along the trail.
- ◆ Installation of **plant ID signs** that will identify plants near the nature trail by common and scientific name.
- ◆ Installation of an **entrance kiosk**, at the start-point of the nature trail. The kiosk will host a map of the trail system, showing locations of the nature stations, locations of future additions to the outdoor classroom (e.g., amphitheater and art classroom), basic safety information, recognition of donors and other participants, and a short narrative of the history, purpose, and goals of the outdoor classroom.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP US!

Our donation wish list:

- Crushed rock/gravel
- Flagstone
- Cement
- Printing/lamination
- Leather/gardening gloves (kid sizes)
- Composite lumber
- Outdoor benches and tables
- Interpretive signs
- Clipboards
- Compasses
- Binoculars/Spotting Scope
- GPS units
- Monetary donations



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