

# TES Outdoor Spaces Committee: Community Survey



Thetford Elementary School (TES) is continuing its efforts to enhance the playground and outdoor spaces around the building. In past years we have completed a number of initiatives, including:

- Draining and grading playing fields
- Building gardens for outdoor studies and small harvests for the school lunches
- Removing dated and/or deteriorating equipment
- Relocating the sledding hill
- Building a developmentally appropriate play structure for the lower grades

This year TES formed an Outdoor Spaces Committee to study how our open spaces can best enhance the learning experience for our kids. The Committee comprises parents, teachers, administrators, and students, but the entire student body is involved in the process.

### Here are some of our students' ideas:

- Outdoor classroom space
- Expanded gardens
- A bike path
- Trail systems for walking and running
- Student-built greenhouses
- Seasonal skating rink
- Enlarged sledding hill
- Play structures for older students

**Your feedback is very important to our planning!** Please take a moment to answer the questions below, and feel free to use the back of the sheet if you have more to share. Responses may be sent to school with a TES student or mailed to TES (*PO Box 182, Route 113; Thetford, Vermont 05074.*) You can also complete the survey electronically through our website, [thetfordschool.org](http://thetfordschool.org).

Thank you very much for your time.

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1. Do you have children who attend or will attend Thetford Elementary?      YES      NO

Ages:

2. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for the use of Thetford Elementary School outdoor space?

3. Do you have any special expertise or talent you could lend to our efforts?

4. Would you like to volunteer to help with this project?      YES      NO

Contact information to volunteer: