

Spring 2023

Dogwood Elementary Partner Newsletter



This spring edition of the Partner Newsletter highlights some of the great moments our school community has shared with our partners over the last few months.



Mac Post and Maryl Burke work alongside volunteers to refresh the courtyards.



University of Tennessee sculpture students share art on the trail with Dogwood students.



Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer Desiree celebrates a year of mentorship with her mentee.



After School

255 students have participated in programs with our after school partners this year!



Beardsley Farm serves our after school program in addition to offering many great support programs to our school community, including fresh produce for families.



Mac Post of the Sierra Club gives students a special lesson about forecasting the weather with the Dogwood Weather Station



Dogwood After School

After School Partners
Beardsley Farm
Knox County Health Department
Girl Talk
McNabb Center
Sierra Club
UT Extension
Sierra Club
Girls on the Run
Girl Scouts



Outdoor Coalition

- The Roots in South Knoxville Spring Fling will be held at Dogwood on April 22nd from 12-2pm.
- Adaptive Trail Construction is complete, thanks to our partnership with Legacy parks.
- UT Sculpture Department created and installed site-specific sculptures along the trail.



Students engage with trail artwork

Since the start of the school year, over 600 volunteer hours have gone into improving our outdoor spaces.

Dogwood Outdoor Coalition Partners

Knox Co. Health Department
Bob's Trails, Trees, and Gardens
Sierra Club ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors)
CAC AmeriCorps
Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association
Ijams Nature Center
Beardsley Farms



Invasive Species Removal

In Fall 2022, UT Forestry Students selected the trail for their final project and completed a large scale invasive species removal, herbicide spray, and native planting over the course of 3 large scale community work days and several smaller group work days.



Mr. Heuttle and his students at South Doyle High School created this kiosk for our trail to help us share information with those who use it.



Volunteers giving the sensory courtyard a refresh.

Grade Adopters

These awesome partners each "adopt" a grade and provide support to help our students succeed, bringing joy to our school community along the way.

Thank You to Our Grade Adopters!

Hillcrest UMC

Church Street UMC

Woodlawn Christian Church

South Haven Neighborhood Association

First Presbyterian

Graystone Pres. Church

Lake Forest Presbyterian

South Woodlawn Neighborhood

Lindbergh Forest

Neighborhood Association

CAC



We are so grateful for our partnership with South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, who provided shoes to our students in need.



South Haven Neighborhood Association treated our 2nd grade students and teachers to hot chocolate on Polar Express Day.



Graystone Presbyterian Church provided stockings to all of our 4th graders this past holiday season.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of our partners for dedicating your time and energy to our school.

