Designing Your School Garden



Garden Design Scavenger Hunt

Please think of the children first. If you ever have anything to do with their entertainment, their food, their toys, their custody, their childcare, their health care, their education, listen to the children, learn about them, learn from them. Think of the children first.

~ Mister Rogers

1.	Find two places where art has been incorporated in the garden.
2.	Find areas for groups to gather and to teach lessons.
3.	What types of composting systems are used in the garden?
4.	Find an area planted with perennials that provides habitat for garden wildlife.
5.	Find an area where tools and equipment are stored.
6.	Find different types of signs used in the garden. Think of the pros and cons of each type of sign.

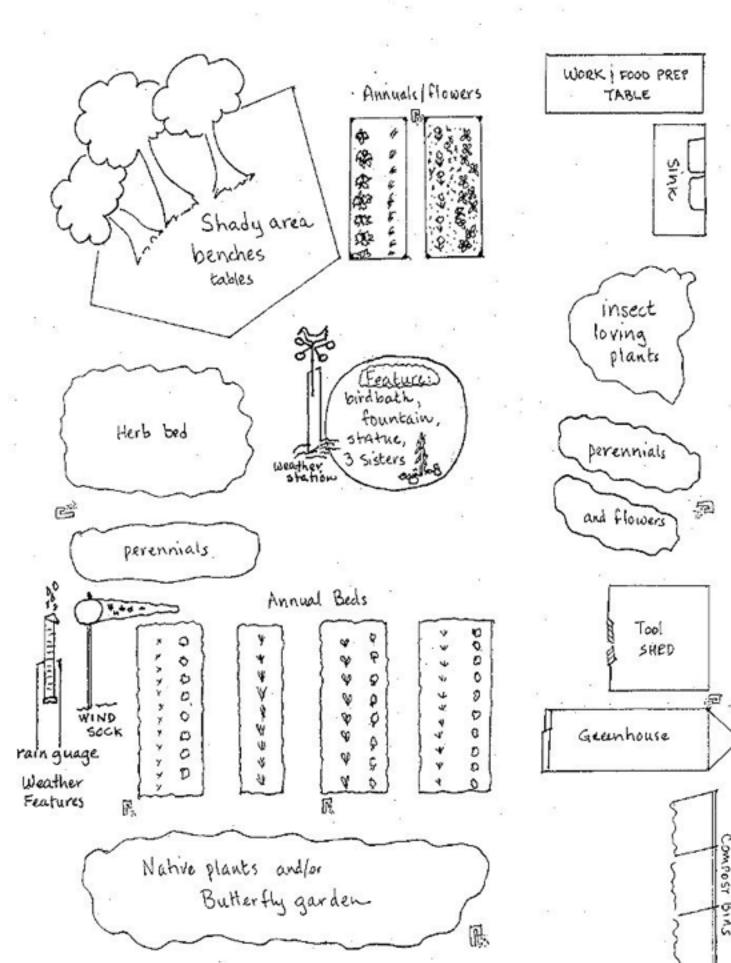
7.	Find some examples where recycled/reused materials are utilized in the garden.
8.	Find an area where you could observe and record the weather.
9.	Find areas where annual flowers and food crops are grown. What type of beds or containers are they growing in?
10	Where are the water sources in the garden? What type of irrigation is used in the garden?
11	Find an area for washing hands or vegetables.

Instructional School Garden Elements

List the basic elements of your garden and areas you would like to add or improve.

Garden	What do you have	What do you want
Element	in your garden?	in your garden?
Gathering area		
Annual flowers and vegetables		
Perennial herbs, flowers, trees, or fruits		
Elements for pest control: insectary plants, row cover, netting or gopher wire		
Greenhouse or seed starting area		
Tool shed/storage		
Composting area/worm bins		
Food prep area		
Sink		
Special features: weather station, pond, art, other?		
Theme beds: pizza, birds, butterflies, literature, other?		

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Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden School Garden Components Map

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