



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 16

Manchester Elementary School (K-5)
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SCIENCE GARDEN

A living tribute to a former
school principal

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROJECT:

Inspiration and Concept— Mr. Thomas Famulary, Principal

Teachers — Ms. Frances Scudese & Mrs. Denise VanRye

Design and Initial Plan — Mr. Gary Lukich, Director of Buildings and Grounds

PTA Groups —Organize and Maintain the Garden

Consult & Assist —Township Environmental Commission, Leisure Knoll Men Brunch Bunch (men's service club), various community members and groups

ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF AT MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HELPED PLAN, ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN THE GARDEN.

This extensive garden includes: a fossil and gem garden, flowers (annuals, bulbs, & perennials), plants, trees, bushes, grasses, herbs, vegetable plots, birdbaths, and butterfly bushes.

A winding pathway of paving stones with benches interspersed along it provide resting areas for relaxation & contemplation.

The \$ Thing—A Total Budget of \$8635.00 was proposed

As part of the Nonpoint Partnership Grant (through NJDEP-319A program), the OCSCD awarded \$1000 toward this outdoor classroom project.

Additionally, the school received \$699 from the NRCS /WHJP Program

A Pancake breakfast fundraiser was also held to raise money.

Local businesses & organizations were solicited for donations.

KEY TO SUCCESS

*Students take ownership and they develop, nurture and maintain. Use the garden for both **FORMAL &***

***INFORMAL** instruction.*

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