



Hideaway Woods & Earth Moves

The \$350,000 traditional grant supports new educational environments and experiences with two major projects for learning and interaction. The new outdoor based learning environments and programs are Hideaway Woods and Earth Moves. Hideaway Woods will replace the existing 20 year old playground and Earth Moves will expand science to natural forces and how we use the earth. Hideaway Woods specific components include: a tunnel entryway into the area of tree house villages, ground environment with natural building materials, sand and logs, new classroom, infrastructure for restrooms, parents, landscaping, and trails. The architecture and engineering exhibit, Earth Moves incorporates giant sand dunes, ridges and valleys of rocks, excavators for digging and an earthquake simulator, and water pressure that creates erosion and a waterfall. The new exhibits opened in 2015 and 2016.