

Our School, Our Future Program Enhancements

The entire community of Oak Meadow participated in the preliminary discussions of what the addition/renovations should include. Over the course of September and October 2008 the architects met with all of the student body – Children’s House through Middle School. Multiple meetings were also held with parents, teachers, administrators and others to collect their input. Seitz Architects, Inc. took this information and created designs that included:

an Athletics and Performing Arts Center where:

- participants and spectators enjoy a full array of sports education and events;
- students showcase their performance skills on a real stage before large audiences;
- the whole community assembles for graduations, dinners, and other special gatherings.

a dedicated Fine Arts Studio where:

- student imaginations soar in a bright setting filled with natural light;
- pottery creations are fired in a real kiln;
- there is sufficient room to store and display student projects.

a new Learning Center where:

- students receive individualized instruction and guidance;
- students, teachers, and family members have access to specialized resources and materials;
- Learning Specialists are able to meet and work with students and families.

new and improved community spaces where:

- learning and exploration extend beyond the classroom into the courtyard and other outdoor space;
- visitors enter the school through an inviting lobby and feel welcomed and encouraged to linger (this element is presently to be completed at a future date);
- an outdoor stage provides open air space for performances and presentations;
- there are meeting room options for small, medium and large sized gatherings.