



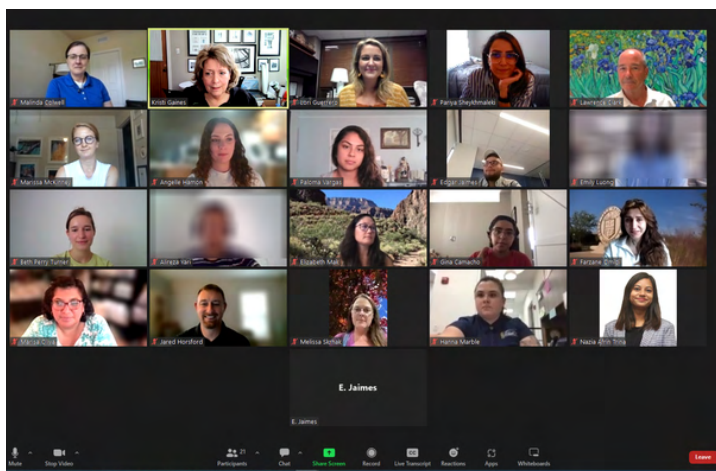
DESIGNER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our New Members

Please welcome the newest members of the Trained OLE Designer Network:

Gina Camacho
Lawrence Clark
Edgar D. Jaimes
Elizabeth Mak
Hanna Marble
Marisa Oliva
Pariya Sheykhmalek
Melissa K. Skrhak
Elizabeth P. Turner
Paloma Vargas
Angelle Hamon
Marissa McKinney



These new members completed the virtual Designer Training Seminar in July of 2022. Thank you to everyone who participated and presented in our training. Once the designers complete the OLE! Texas Training Seminar they are qualified to join the designer network of Trained OLE Designers. The designers in this network are responsible for the following:

- Participating in networking activities.
- Remaining dedicated to continued education and assessment of completed projects through research and dissemination
- Completing specific education and training in OLE! Texas philosophy, its theoretical foundations, the design development process, assessment procedures, and research methodologies
- Providing services such as: coordination of workshops and design workshop preparations, preparation of illustrative master plans, preparation of construction documents, permitting, construction observation, as well as design, build, and/or construction contracting

For updates on our next training seminar, please visit the Texas Tech Coalition for Natural Learning website at www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/coalition_for_natural_learning/

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OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

*OLE! Texas is an initiative of the Texas Department of State Health Services in partnership with other state agencies, universities, and organizations across Texas. For more information and a full partner listing, visit dshs.texas.gov/ole.



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PBK Architects and Edgeland Group are hard at work transforming early childhood learning centers across the greater Houston area. All 12 Best Practice Indicators and more than a dozen play and learning settings are incorporated into the schematic designs of each project.

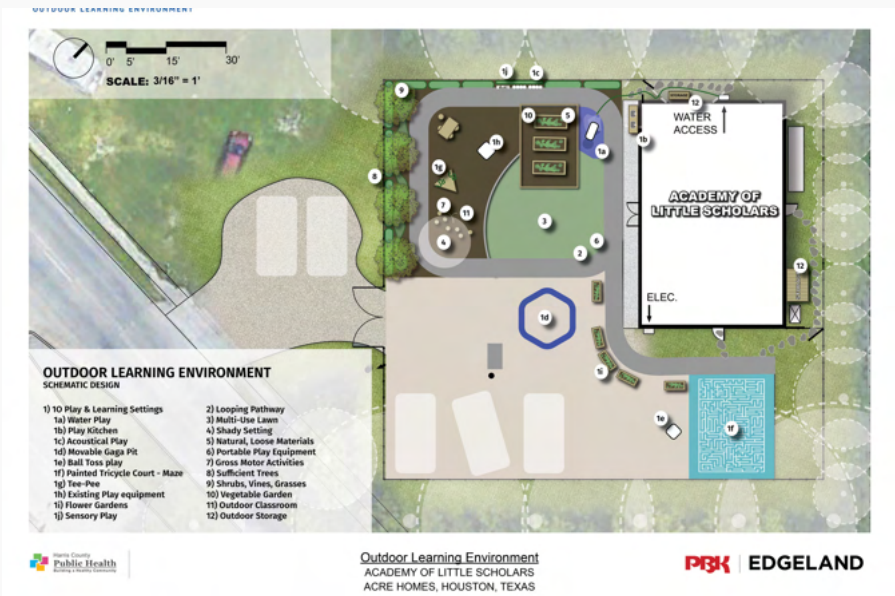
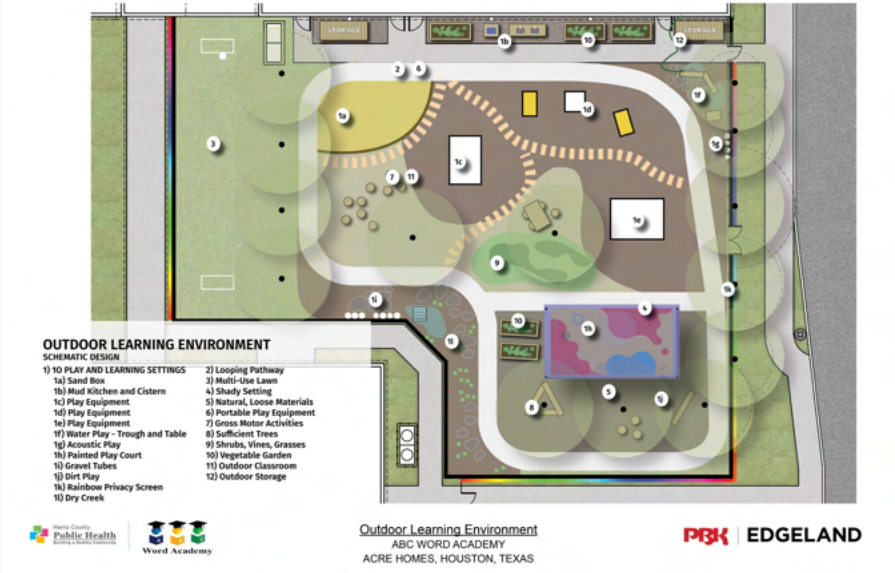


WATER PLAY



GROSS MOTOR SKILL ACTIVITIES

OLE! Texas Philosophy Applied to Projects in Houston, Texas





PlantWise is working hard to make the vision of Summit School in Lorena, Texas come to life using the OLE! Principles.



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PHASE 1 OF IMPLEMENTATION



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



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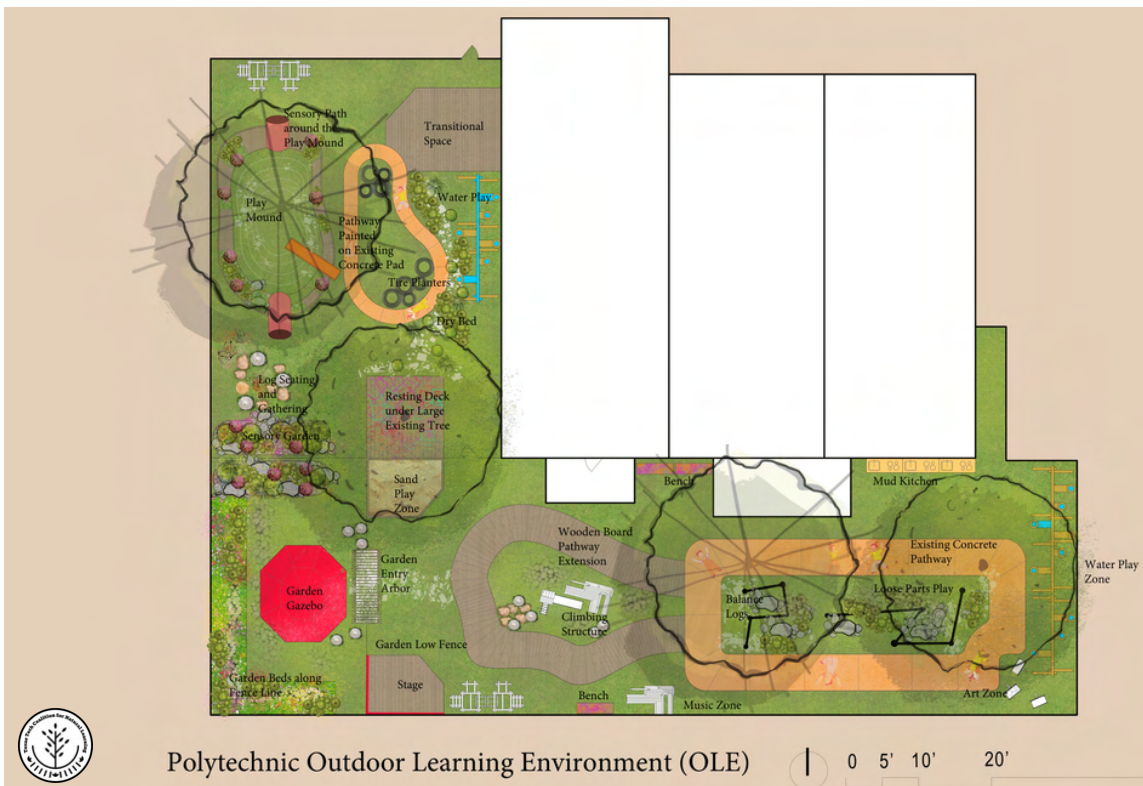
TODDLER AREA IMPLEMENTATION

The Texas Tech Coalition for Natural Learning Led Two Simultaneous Workshops in Fort Worth, Texas



Center for Transforming Lives: Lancaster Campus

1. Transition gateway with polycarbonate and windchimes
2. Stained concrete transition paving
3. Looped curving pathway
4. Polycarbonate shade tunnels
5. Pollinator plantings
6. Rubble-reinforced retaining slope
7. Bridge
8. Drainageway
9. Multipurpose lawn with removable shade cloth
10. High-low balance ropes
11. Loose parts play zone
12. Natural construction materials storage
13. Planter with edible plants
14. Wheeled toy storage cubbies
15. Music play setting
16. Art play setting
17. Water play setting
18. Infant play area
19. Sand play
20. Planter with flowering plants
21. Sensory steppingstone pathway
22. Benches for outdoor classroom
23. Fabric weaving fence
24. 3x Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)



Polytechnic Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE)

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Texas Tech Coalition for Natural Learning

TTCNL Creates New Designs in Austin, Texas for Multicultural Preschool

Centered around a pivotal oak tree and proposed tree house, the Magic Dragon Preschool Outdoor Learning Environment incorporates over 25 play settings, transitions, and unique elements. Requested elements like a Karesansui-inspired garden and ornamental pond are meaningful ways to incorporate the multicultural aspect to the environment.

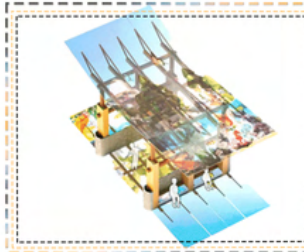


Successful Fundraising Efforts for an OLE in Lubbock, Texas

The Texas Tech Child Development Research Center (CDRC)
Lubbock, TX



View 1: Octagonal Deck Surrounding Existing Tree



Color Shade-Structure in Memories of Major Collies



View 2: Art Space



The Child Development Research Center (CDRC) serves as a site located in Texas Tech University for instructional experiences for students who work with children in laboratory, student teaching, and practicum courses. In addition, the Center provides interdisciplinary research opportunities for faculty and graduate students. The CDRC is accredited by the

National Academy of Early Childhood Program Accreditation. The Center is divided into 6 classrooms with observation space located between each of the 3 pairs of classrooms. The CDRC utilizes an innovative, fully accessible outdoor play environment located northeast of the center. To enhance outdoor learning possibilities, the outdoor play environment

provides a variety of sensory opportunities such as the color shade-structure (visual sensory), sensory gardens (visual and olfaction sensory), sensory pathways and sand play areas (tactile sensory). By providing varied sensory activities among defined pathways and activity zones, children with different needs can experience the outdoor learning on this site.



Outdoor Learning Environment
CDRC
Lubbock, TX

Texas Tech University
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During the Texas Tech Day of Giving, the CDRC, Child Development Research Center, partnered with the Texas Tech Coalition of Natural Learning to raise funds for a new outdoor learning environment. The project – relying on natural construction, as well as observation and exploration areas – will provide our students with hands-on learning experiences and encourages healthy brain and social development for children at the center. The initiative raised more than its original goal.

The Texas Tech College of Human Sciences Child Development Research Center (CDRC) provides educational and developmental programs for children from birth through five years of age for approximately 80 local families. The CDRC also serves as a site for instructional experiences for Texas Tech students who work with children in class laboratories, student teaching; and practicum courses. In addition, the center provides interdisciplinary research opportunities for faculty and graduate students.

For additional information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3xj92g5vVg>

<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/TexasTechUniversitySystem/texas-tech-day-of-giving/pages/cdr>



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