

THE MEADOW CAMPAIGN

FIVE YEARS LATER



Thanks to support from many donors like you, the dream has become a reality. The Circle School is proud to present this celebration of our Meadow Campus. Now more than ever, we are grateful for the secure foundation of our forever home.

Take a walk around the campus with us and see what you made possible!

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BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

The Meadow Campus Capital Campaign began in early 2015, with \$200,000 pledged by alumni, trustees, and staff.

Like any good fort builder will tell you, it starts with a vision and determination, and then, one stick at a time, you work together to build the structure that will shelter you.

With a generous donation of land by The George M. Leader Family Corporation, groundbreaking took place in September 2016.



WITH THE HELP OF

- More than 175 pledges from alumni, current and former families, relatives, community members, and staff...
- A key donation of cash from a generous alumni family...
- Earmarked donations saved since 2006...



AT A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$2.7 MILLION

THE MEADOW CAMPUS WAS BUILT!

SOMETHING NEW

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW CAMPUS



8 acres of land and a soccer field



3 acres of woods,
a creek, and
plentiful wildlife

PHOTO BY SCIENCE CORPORATION WILDLIFE CAMERA



Sledding hill



Large Commons for events, like dances,
potlucks, performances, and more

9,000 square feet of indoor space
Enrollment capacity of 110 to 140 students
Accessible building and parking



Forts (indoors and outdoors)



Chores, with a fleet of vacuum cleaners and
an abundance of rags

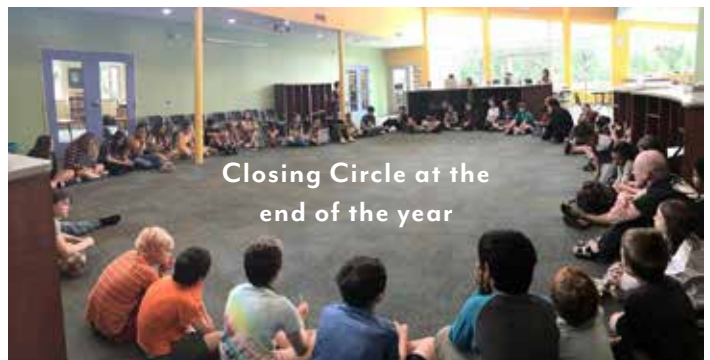
- Games: capture the flag, pickle, stick fights, tetherball, foursquare
- Official Goodbyes
- Freedom, responsibility, democracy, community

SOMETHING OLD

TRADITIONS CARRIED FORWARD



The Booth



Closing Circle at the
end of the year

WHAT DO STUDENTS LIKE ABOUT THE NEW CAMPUS?



“The light and all of the windows.”



“I feel more free outdoors.”



“More places to eat. No stairs.
The potential: we can do anything here!”



“The round room with computers.”



“The colors.”



“It’s not crowded anymore.”

WHAT DO STAFF MEMBERS THINK?

“After a few weeks in the new building, I realized I had been totally unprepared for the positive effect of being in the midst of so much beauty — **the colors inside the building, the views of the sky with lofty clouds and soaring raptors, the flow of the space and such easy access to all.** I found myself with so much more energy at the end of the day.” – BETH STONE



“One of my favorite things about the new building is carried over from the old one, but in a much nicer way: during the last week of school each year, any student who wants to participate gets their height marked on a large wall in the Storage Room. Each year gets a tall thin column, with enough room for 50 years of heights. At the old campus, heights were marked on a piece of lumber – boring! **On the height wall, you**

can watch kids grow up, tracing heights up, up, up as the years track across. Then, those heights and names are preserved right there on the wall for alums to savor and new kids to marvel at.” – JD STILLWATER

WHAT DO PARENTS THINK?



“It was fascinating being a part of the Building Design Committee, translating the functions of a building we’d all known and loved very well for many years, to something we could create from scratch! **Things we considered during the design that others may not know about: the angle of the sun at different times of the day, sight lines from the front desk into the rest of the building and to outside, how the driveway and parking would work.** We spent ages deliberating every aspect of the school, from small

things like lights, signs, and colors, to the big stuff like which rooms would carry over and which would change. I hope someday the school can finish the Overcroft area. **I look forward to seeing how the school ends up utilizing the 8 acres in the future: gardens, a playground, trails through the woods, and maybe even a treehouse some day!**” – MAUREEN KRAUTH

WHAT ABOUT ALUMNI?

“For me, the new campus was about 10 years coming. During much of that time, I served as TCS Board President. As early as 2006, I went to visit other properties as potential future homes for the school. We spent many months trying to figure out how to pay for the Meadow Campus. I remember interrupting the Board retreat where we came up with the 10-year pledge approach to make a few calls to see if anyone would pledge, or if we were crazy.

Once the project actually started, I looked at the Meadow Cam at least

5 times a day for the entire year the project was running. And I remember the tears the first time I saw the new building in person!” – CONNOR TYRRELL '04



A WORD FROM OUR SPRING 2020 SCHOOL MEETING CHAIR

“The new Circle School campus is a perfect illustration of the saying, ‘If you can dream it, you can do it.’ As someone who has been a student at both the old and new campuses, there are a few things that definitely stand out to me. For example, **the openness and bright colors seem to encourage a sense of welcomeness, as well as community.** The people who make up The Circle School, however, are what mean the most to me. Current and former students, donors, and supporters everywhere have made this



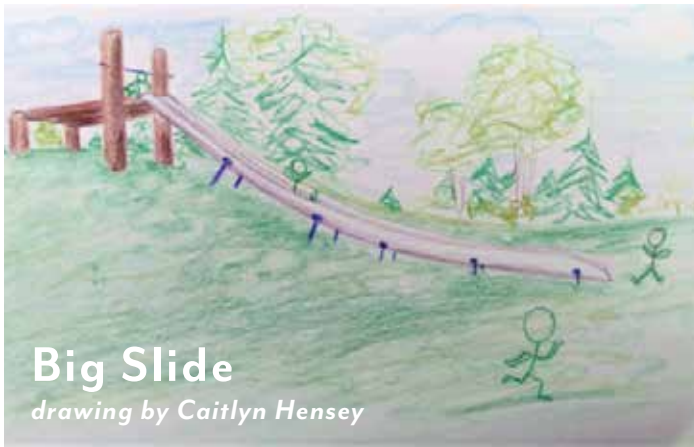
enormous dream possible. **Without everyone supporting us, we couldn't have pulled it off, and that calls for an equally enormous 'Thank You!'**” – CAITLYN HENSEY '20

AND A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT



“The Circle School has been a haven of excitement, wonder, and knowledge for me since I first walked through the doors of the old Oakleigh Ave location in 2005. While I no longer attend TCS, I hope the beautiful and spacious Meadow campus brings up similar feelings for many of its current students! **There is a special magic in the anticipation of a new day filled with boundless potential that can spark a lifelong love of learning and nurture one's creativity.** It's difficult times like these where those sparks are needed most of all. I wish to extend

a deep and heartfelt thank you to every member of the TCS community, and especially the donors, who have supported the potential of each student that walks through those doors.” – HLADINI MENSAH '09



Big Slide

drawing by Caitlyn Hensey

WHAT'S NEXT?

We are thrilled that this dream has become a reality, thanks to the generous support of individuals like you.

And since The Circle School is always ahead of the curve, we are full of hopes for how to make our new campus even greater.

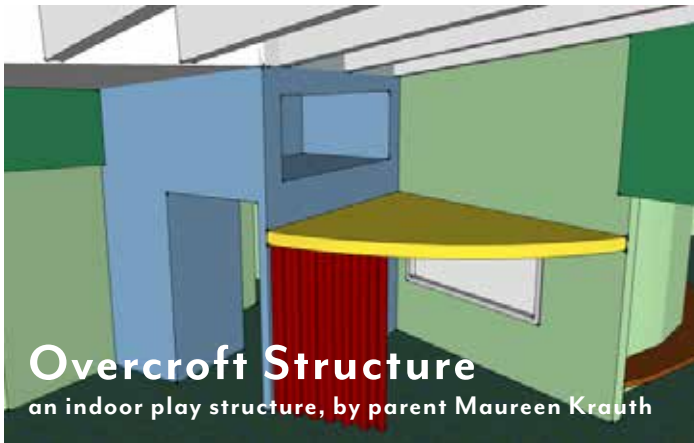
A FEW IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

- Outdoor furniture and gazebo
- Stage
- Pottery wheel
- Outdoor playground equipment



Swingset

envisioned by the Cool Things Outside Corporation



Overcroft Structure

an indoor play structure, by parent Maureen Krauth

- The old bell, installed
- Indoor play structure
- A fully functioning workshop

CAN WE GET THERE?

You know that The Circle School is about dreaming big and thinking outside the box.

Join the effort by renewing or increasing your pledge.

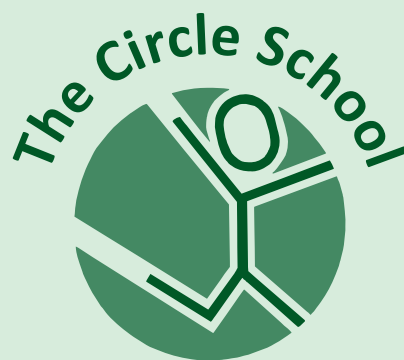
Together we can take the Meadow Campus to the next level.

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FROM



TO YOU!