

Norwayne Elementary's Outdoor Classroom

Habitat Discovery Garden



Love Volunteering?

Love Gardening?

Retired or Looking for Community Service?

Here's how you can help our outdoor classroom last years and years and prosper for the children at Norwayne Elementary while supporting a great educational tool, unique garden, meeting and lunch spot for the teachers and community in the North Central School District.

WEEDING

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to come in at any time after school hours and help keep weeding sustained. Most plants are native and were carefully chosen to eventually maintain themselves with minimal maintenance once fully mature, but in the meantime help is needed to keep it on track.

SUPPORTING WILDLIFE

Our school is on its way to becoming a certified WILD OHIO school site. The gardens incorporated into the outdoor classroom will bring in the wildlife for more educational value. Birdfeeders could be filled, bird baths cleaned periodically, bluebird houses checked.

CLASSROOM READER

Opportunities such as reading to the children in the reading gardens would be another option. If interested, contact the student's teacher to see what kind of arrangements can be made. They would love your involvement!

The whole garden can be overwhelming to one person, but adopted sections of the garden is more manageable to families, clubs and individuals who may be interested. The students will also have adopted gardens throughout the school year to help maintain and establish ownership of their own "special" place.

If interested in helping, you may come and work on your own after school hours or contact Trena Sheppard @ ettjsheppard@msn.com or call 330-465-7135 for questions, ideas and possible garden adopting.

Marian Romich Habitat Discovery Garden Endowment Fund

In September 2011, the Board of Directors of the Prentke Romich Company made a gift to establish the "Marian Romich Habitat Discovery Garden Endowment Fund" in honor of Mrs. Romich, the mother of Barry Romich. The principal of these funds will be held as an endowment fund, with the interest earned to be available for the purpose of maintaining or improving Norwayne Elementary's Habitat Discovery Garden.

Mrs. Romich was a long-term, well respected educator in the Norwayne District who retired in 1984. She was always looking out for the educational needs of her students. Her daughter, Lyn currently serves as a second grade teacher in the District. The Romich family farm overlooks the Elementary School. The family has been generous supporters of our school district.

Interested individuals may add additional funds to the endowment to provide for the ongoing success of the garden. Checks should be made payable to Norwayne Schools and sent to 286 S. Main Street, P O Box 4443, Creston, Ohio 44217 and to the attention of Treasurer, Sandy Hadsell with a notation of the Romich Endowment Fund.