

Dear Families and Supporters of Yinghua Academy:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year and to a new chapter in the lives of our students and staff!

We hope that our students' first weeks back in school have been filled with *happy reunions with friends, positive connections with new teachers, and a renewed enthusiasm for learning.*

We imagine this school year to be a unique time for “*Renewing Relationships: Faces and Spaces*” at Yinghua Academy.

One especially exciting opportunity is transforming our South Courtyard into a thoughtfully-designed Outdoor Learning Space. This new area will provide many opportunities for our students and staff to explore new things, learn from each other, and enjoy the fresh air and greenery of our NE Park location. The pandemic has made outdoor classrooms especially attractive!

Our Outdoor Learning Space would include:

- Eight Round 4-Person Tables, centered around the existing tree in the Courtyard
- Four 14' by 14' Cantilevered Sun Shades
- Artificial Turf or Brick Pavers
- Landscaping, including three new trees and plants
- Retaining Wall/Security Fence

We envision this space being used for outdoor dining and for a wide range of classes and activities throughout the day as well as in the enrichment/aftercare program.



Obviously, this is a costly project; but we believe it will be a huge asset to our students and teachers. We are sure our students will appreciate sitting at tables that are secured to the ground rather than on the ground or at folding tables. Ask our MS students about the Gaga Ball Court of their dreams! It's the rage!

During last fall's fundraising campaign many of you made very generous donations. We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for our new Outdoor Learning Space and will, if you can, make a donation again this year.

The last 18 months have been challenging yet rewarding. We hope that, through it all, you have appreciated how hard Yinghua staff have worked to keep our students learning and growing. We pledge to continue delivering an outstanding education and a supportive community for your child(ren).

Please consider contributing to the Yinghua Academy Foundation to support our Outdoor Learning Space campaign, which runs through October.

There are several ways to donate:

- Send a check with the enclosed card
- Click DONATE on www.yinghuaacademy.org

Thank you so much for everything you do to support our students' learning and to support Yinghua Academy! As always, together we're better!

With gratitude,



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