Thinking Outside the Box



The Science of Learning

The Language of Nature

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The biggest mistake of past centuries in teaching has been to treat all children as if they were variants of the same individual and thus to feel justified in teaching them all the same subjects in the same way (Howard Gardner)



• Fit the learner to the learning environment?

Or

• Design the learning environment around the learner?

Or

 Design the learning environment around the learning and the things to be learned?





Evidence of student understanding is revealed when student apply (transfer) knowledge in authentic contexts. (Tomlinson and McTighe).





- Who is the learner?
- What is the learning environment?
- Where does learning taking place?
- How does Learning take place?





Chemistry Lab, University of Melbourne/Associate Professor Peter Jamieson with Bloomquist & Wark Architects

- Reflective Space
- Engagement Space
- Proximal Space



Children already come to us differentiated. It just makes sense that we would differentiate our instruction in response to them (Tomlinson).



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Learning Environments

- Defined Collaboration Spaces
- Integrated breakout zones outside/adjacent & attached to instructional spaces

Defined / Integrated Collaborative Spaces support (flow/flexible/fluid)

- Independent work
- One-to-one
- Small Group
- Large Group



School of One / Dull Olsen Weekes & the Cuningham Group

Science of Learning & Collaborative Spaces

Collaboration means "to work jointly with others or together especially in an intellectual endeavour."





Classrooms

- Formal
 - \circ Pods
 - Layered





Breakout Rooms

- Semi-formal Spaces
 - Practice Rooms
 - Work Rooms
 - Lounges





Breakout Niches

- Informal Spaces/ Spontaneous
- Small group & independent learning
 - Alcoves
 - Seating Booths
 - Corners





Breakout Hollows ("Holes")

- Informal Spaces
- Independent & small group learning
 - Seating
 - Caves





Breakout Nodes-Spaces that create spaces

- Informal Spaces/ Spontaneous
- Large group, small group, & independent learning
 - Raised &/or depressed floor areas
 - Grand Stairs
 - Pavilions



Research confirms that learning outdoors:



- Increases attention span
- Strengthens memory
- Reduces stress
- Improves mood
- Enhances creativity



What is an Outdoor Learning Environment?

A place that stimulates curiosity

Plant Life

Natural patterns, proportions, native and regional habitats stimulate biophilia

Scale of Learning

Individual reflection, small group shared learning and large group gathering

Sense of Enclosure

Framing a view, orientation for light, and protection from the elements



Music of Nature

Symphony of sounds, bird habitat, water features, and human laughter

Linguistic Reflection Poetry, quotes, and dedications provide places for individual introspection

Change in Elevation Challenge a vertical transition to become a perspective teaching tool

Edible Landscape

Where food comes from, when to plant and harvest, how to grown and thrive



Seton Montessori Environmental Atelier



The College School Adventure Center

Rural Acreage Designation



The College School Adventure Center

Convergence



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Interconnectivity



The College School Adventure Center

Aerial Photo



The College School Adventure Center

Educational Opportunities



Gary Comer Youth Center Educational Garden

Urban Brownfield Site



Gary Comer Youth Center Educational Garden



Master Plan

Gary Comer Youth Center Educational Garden

Educational Pavilion



- A. Educational Walls located 18'-0" on center
- B. Demonstration Counter
- C. Washing and Sorting Counter with sinks
- D. Large Double Wide Refrigerator
- E. 16' wide Sliding Door
- F. 16' wide Pivot Doors
- G. Accessible Toilet
- H. Storage
- I. Water Collection
- J. Green Walls located 18'-0" on Center
- K. Demonstration Garden Kitchen Community



Sketch showing four 40' Shipping Containers

Gary Comer Youth Center Educational Garden

Educational Pavilion



Temporary Building or Temporary Classroom

Modular kit of parts built off site, assembled on site



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Wall:

Grow

Display

Illustrate

Storage



Roof: Light and Ventilation

Storage

Energy and Water Harvesting

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Educational Pavilion



Door: Welcome

Pivot

Packing

Sliding



Counter:



Teaching

Cooking

Washing



Cooling

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Planters:

Accessible



Movable

Collaborative



Seating:

Stackable





Foldable

Durable

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Art of Innovation

Know more about the world

Be global citizens

Think outside the box

- Premium on creative and innovative skills
- Think across disciplines (that's where the breakthroughs occur)

Become smarter about new sources of information

Data - know how to manage, interpret, validate, act on

Develop good people skills

EQ important as IQ

Source: Time Magazine, December 2006

Creative thinkers who accelerate innovation.
THE GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP

WHY EVEN OUR BEST SCHOOLS DON'T TEACH THE NEW SURVIVAL SKILLS OUR CHILDREN NEED-AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT



7 Survival Skills:

- critical thinking and problem solving
- collaboration across networks and leading by influence
- agility and adaptability
- initiative and entrepreneurship
- effective oral and written communication
- accessing and analyzing information
- curiosity and imagination



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 (from Creating Innovators)



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Survey of 1,500 CEO's: "identify creativity as the number one leadership competency of the successful enterprise of the future"





Natural History of Innovation. New York: Riverhead Books, 2010.

Quadrant 1



Archimedes

Quadrant 4



Drawing entitled "Café Manoury", Paris

what is it? three guesses.....





to this.....



Other Bell Lab Inventions/Innovations:

to name just a few....

- The telephone (and the entire infrastructure to support it)
- Vacuum tubes
- Trans-Atlantic cable
- Telstar the first active communications satellite
- Silicon solar cell
- The unix operating system
- The first gas laser
- Cell phone mobile phone system
 - Information theory (Claude Shannon)
- Binary code system

Bell Labs: Murray Hill, New Jersey



EASTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL DALTON, GEORGIA





First Floor Plan











BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

COMPANY OF

CONTRACTOR DO DO STATUDIES

2011 Design Citation National School Boards Association

2011

Gold Award for Living, Working, and Learning Environments Center for Advanced Professional Studies



2007:

Feasibility StudyPresented the idea of a "Center Based Program"(CBP)

2009/2010: CONSTRUCTION

Pre-engineering in all High Schools while designing balance of CAPS strandsFull immersion into business classrooms

2006:

Charge to Superintendent + Research "provide unique student learning opportunities that currently do not exist in the school district"

2008:

Search for Exec. Director starts (Donna Deeds starts April 1)Programming workshops commence

2011

Full implementation

Evolution and sharing

NSBA Citation

Edison Award



PROCESS

Bioscience













Business



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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY











Saint Luke's C. Health System













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Every decision we made had to answer the question...Does this look like a high school? Would you see this in a high school?

If so, then we made a different decision.

Donna Deeds Executive Director

Building Diagram



- State of the Art Strands
- Interstitial Innovation Areas for collaboration and exhibition
- Ubiquitous Professional Learning Community
- A Visual Identity
- Sustainability that teaches



















BV CAPS Accelerator

Objective

To provide students with comprehensive training in all aspects of discovering, growing and managing an invention and/or business.








Chance favors the connected mind."

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