



Call for Collaboration

To: Students from the Graduate School of Art and Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts

From: Sorrento Springs Elementary School Design Team, Parkway School District, Ballwin, MO

Action: Redesign a new entry area for Sorrento Springs Elementary School

Background: The Parkway School District has been studying "personalized learning" for several years. About two years ago, it was determined that Sorrento Springs (the smallest elementary school) would become a model school for personalized learning. We are in the process of reimagining elementary school and what learning should look like for children today and tomorrow. Last year, we re-hired the entire faculty. Everyone who is here now went through a rigorous selection process to be a part of the design team for this school. We have been working all year (slowed a bit by Covid-19) to redesign the processes and structures of school to make learning more personal, relevant, and meaningful for students. We are seeking to create a school where we identify and build upon students' strengths and empower them to thrive and impact the ever-changing world.

Our teachers are called, "Learning Experience Designers" (LEDs), who have a passion to innovate and are open to new structures of school. We know that the learning space plays a significant role in the climate of the school and although our school was built in the early 1970s, we are excited to now intentionally design the space for the best learning experiences for students and adults. Because our school will also be a lab for teacher learning, we expect to host many visiting teams of educators from other schools around the region. We therefore seek a welcoming and purposeful entry area at the front of the building.

Mission Statement: A school where all learners are empowered to thrive and impact our ever-changing world.

Requirements

Theme: innovation, empowerment, learning

- Redesign the school entryway which is welcoming and invites guests into a new and innovative school
- A possible design that flows from the outside to the inside
- Welcome Area- where visitors will get their first impression of our school and be welcomed by members of the school community
- include an area where 5-10 people can sit upon arrival
- interactive and related to learning
- Area for photos
- Possible Sculpture or focal point

Materials: Environmentally friendly, school-safe

Budget -Very limited, Parkway School district facilities department can provide help with installations, paint, and other in-kind resources. Assistance with grants or other funding sources would be appreciated.

Deadline to Submit: May 30

Review and approval by: Sorrento Springs Design Team & Parkway Facilities Department

Current Lobby - 2021



Current Entryway - 2021



Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to learning more about how your department may be able to partner with us to help us reach our goals.

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