

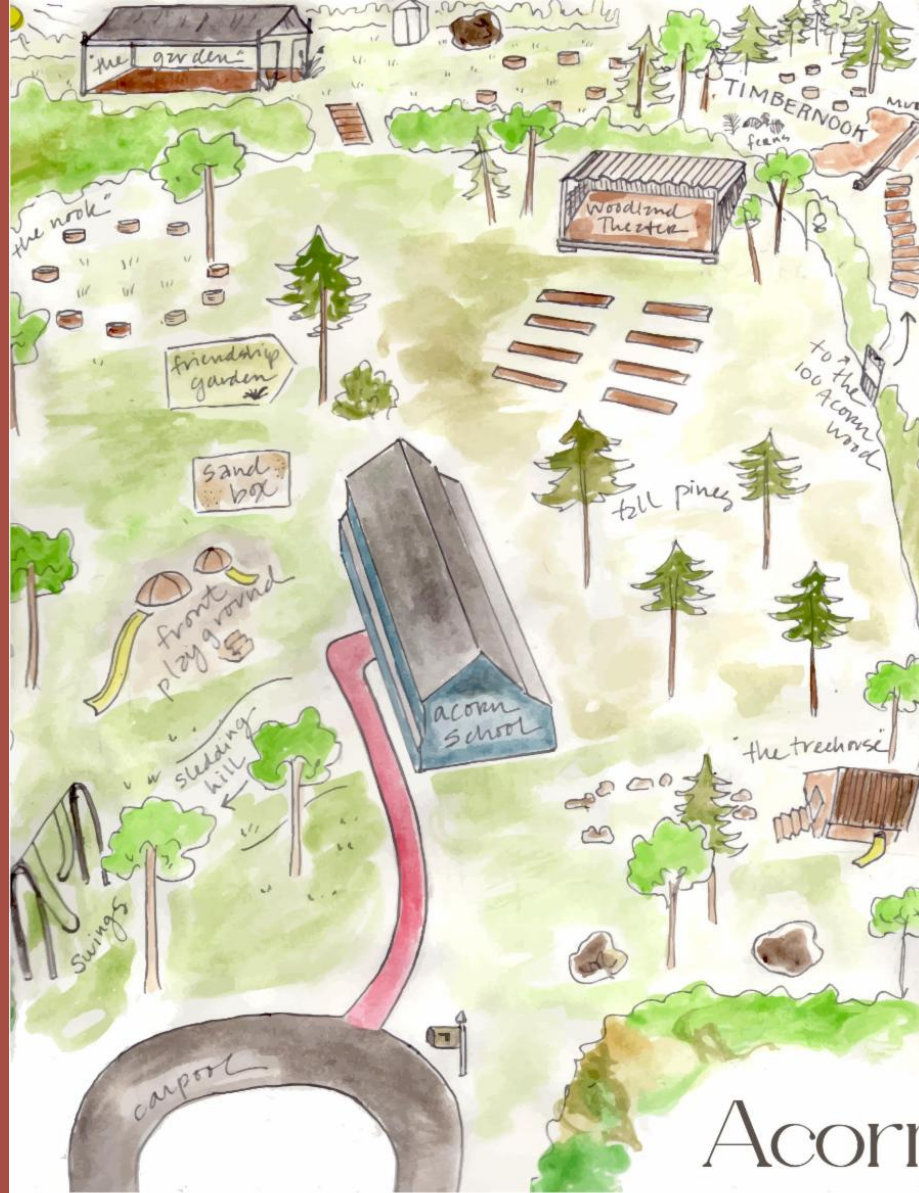


Welcoming "Acorn 2020"

This summer, the Acorn Board and Staff determined that in order to open this fall, we would make it our goal to review our current space and make all appropriate adjustments to move as much as possible outside. In addition to adding more safety measures and altering the curricula to fully utilize an outdoor classroom, we knew we had to establish physical outdoor classroom spaces as comfortable learning environments in all types of weather. We are thrilled to share where we've landed: see our new "Acorn 2020" map below. Each classroom space will have its own play area and will be separate enough from the other designated classrooms to ensure proper social distancing requirements.

We have also upgraded Acorn School's interior to be used in the event of severe weather conditions, following the guidelines of the CDC and The NH Department of Health and Human Services. Some of these upgrades include installation of easy to sanitize and beautiful flooring throughout the school, use of air purifier systems, and establishing four separate indoor classroom spaces that will keep each small class as a separate cohort.

We are committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment for our students and teachers whether they are in our outdoor classroom spaces or inside this coming year. We are so excited about these changes and view them as long-term improvements to the school. Thank you to everyone who has helped us out in this process; we look forward to sharing the new and improved campus with families next month!



Revamped Outdoor Spaces

We have been spending the last few months planning how to have a healthy, fun school-year outdoors by establishing four outdoor (sheltered) classroom sites. Welcome to Acorn 2020!

1) The Garden

A covered garden space in the field, with a new play area and its own "field potty" for quick bathroom trips.

2) Woodland Theater

A new roof sheltering our existing stage will also feature a clear material to allow sunlight in! This classroom space is right next to the bird sanctuary and will feature a new swing!

3) The Treehouse

Candy's Magic Treehouse is already a fabulous open-air learning space.

4) The "Nook"

We have carved out a sweet little spot in the front playground with its own play area and tree stump seats. The "nook" is nestled in the forest near the new friendship garden.

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