

# BJM PLAY AREA NEWS #3

creating a better outdoor play and learning environment for all of us

*Design Day inspires creative ideas...*

## BJM Thinks Out of the Box



Students gave their ideas through a number of different activities at Design Day and in the weeks leading up to it

### *Students, Staff and Parents Help Create the Vision for Improving BJM's Schoolyard*

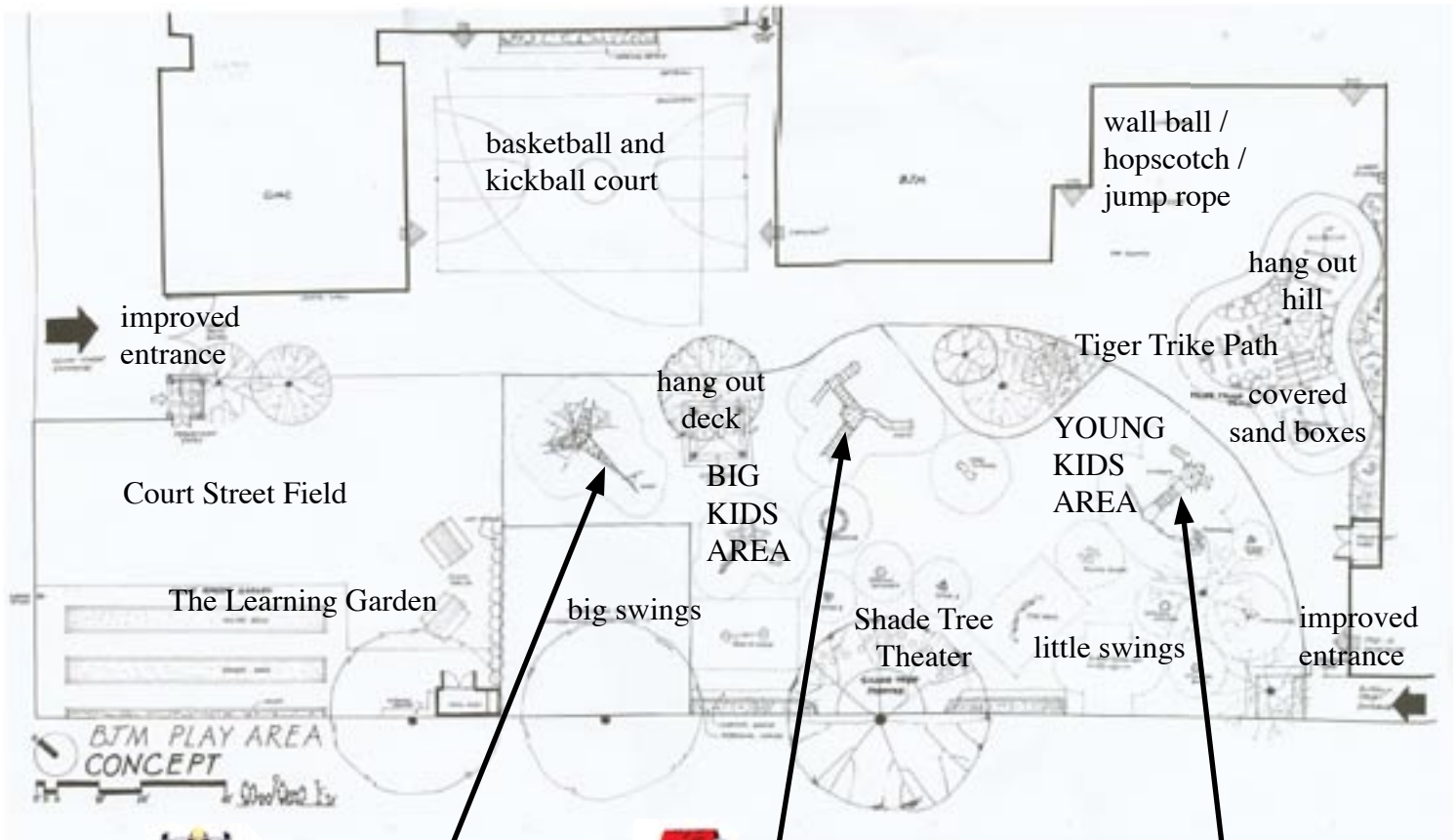
Over the past several months, the BJM community has been generating creative ideas about how to improve the outdoor area at our school. Ideas have ranged from 'a large bird you can climb on'--even a pool with dolphins-- to 'a quiet grassy area where you can sit and think.' We've come up with an impressive list of possibilities!

Most importantly, we identified a number of things we agree on: the need for more green space and places to sit; the need for a separate area for younger children; the need to address safety and health issues; the opportunity to have more exciting play equipment; the need for an outdoor classroom area; the need for shade; the need for more diverse types of play activities... the list goes on!

After a lot of hard work by a lot of people, a new BJM play area is now a step closer to reality. Look for changes starting this summer as the old equipment is removed and the design of the play area starts to change. Then join us when school starts to help start building a new play area that is a great place for everyone to enjoy.

Introducing...

# BJM's 'Out of the Box' Play Area!



Images of SOME of the great new play equipment coming this fall--with rock climb, spinning, slides, overhead bars, and more...

## At a glance...

- The district has approved our design concept!
- Improvements will be phased in over two years
- We will have new equipment this fall; other improvements will happen the coming year
- You can help build the new play area this fall -- look for announcements!

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