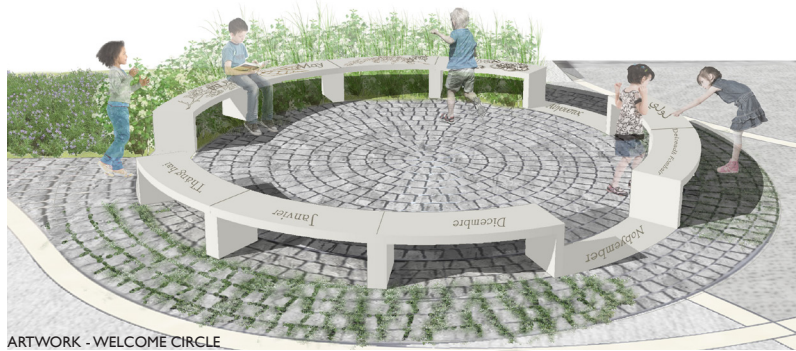




MATHER COMMONS establishes a warm, welcoming entryway to the Mather School via an artful integration of functional sculpture, engaging artwork and edible landscaping. Inviting students to actively engage in the creation of the artwork itself, this integrated design will offer insight into the school's unique past and its dynamic multicultural present, creating a vibrant community commons.

MATHER COMMONS

Wowhaus | LandDesign



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Imagery in all proposed artwork will be informed by community engagement and student input; artwork shown here illustrates a conceptual approach, not the final graphics.



LANDSCAPE: The entryway design focuses on elemental experiences of nature that are shared across cultures and across the centuries - a celebration of sunlight, water, and the bounty of the land. Hearty herbs used in diverse cultures representative of the student body grace the entry garden. Heirloom dwarf apples trees, species that were grown when the school was established by Richard Mather in 1639, thrive in the upper garden. An ADA-compliant ramp leads through the garden to the entryway.

COMMUNITY PLANTING CELEBRATION: School and local community members will be invited to join in collectively planting the garden. The garden is conceived as a "living classroom" and experimental green space; the types plantings can change and evolve over the years. Select plantings:

- Black-eyed Susan
- Purple Coneflower
- Yarrow
- Sunflowers
- New Jersey Tea
- Chamomile
- Peppermint
- Mountain Mint
- Pennyroyal Mint
- Lemon Balm
- Rosemary
- Parsley
- Sweet Grass
- Switchgrass
- Little Bluestem Grass
- Alfalfa
- Red Clover



WELCOMING CIRCLE: At the top of the stairs, one enters an inviting circular gathering space with a ring of sculptural seating and artfully patterned paving. The seating, which is 19 feet in diameter, and cast in a pigmented concrete with integral inlay that complements the historic architecture, features graphic artwork depicting seasonal cycles of garden plantings and the names of the months in diverse languages spoken at the school.

COMMUNITY TABLE: A 28 foot long sculptural table will be inlaid with imagery of apples and historic recipes, inspiring shared meals. Students will be invited to design "heralds" with Wowhaus. The heralds, compositions of symbols emblematic of the unique history and diversity of the school, will be integrated into the benches.



Students will collaborate with Wowhaus to create Herald's that reflect the unique history & diversity of the Mather School.

Historic Neponset & Puritan Recipes from the period when the school was established in 1639 to inspire community meals.



Succotash
(Means "Boiled Corn Kernels")
Corn
Shell Beans
Summer Squash
Cut corn off cob; shell beans & cut up squash in chunks.
Saute with onion & butter & cook until soft.

Colonial Dried Apples
Apples
String
Core whole apples & peel them. Slice into rings and hang rings on string in dry place for 3 weeks.
Store in bags.

MATERIAL: CAST CONCRETE WITH INTEGRAL PIGMENTED CONCRETE INLAY

