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Learning garden unearths inspiration

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FORSYTH COUNTY, Ga. — Sharon Elementary School, 3595 Old Atlanta Road, held a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, Jan. 19 for a highly anticipated, cutting-edge, outdoor learning area.

It's called the DIGS (Discover, Inspire, Grow, Succeed), and it all came together because parents, students and teachers put in countless volunteer hours to design the area.



Sharon DIGS student came up with the concept, added to the design and will help build and maintain the outdoor learning space

Once completed, the DIGS garden will be a beautiful, serene courtyard atmosphere that can provide unique outdoor educational opportunities for students and offer a living history to recognize local businesses, current and former students, families, faculty and staff.

The DIGS is expected to become an ideal outdoor classroom setting where all students can garden, view and learn about historical farming implements from the Historical Society of Forsyth, use a hand pump, explore a butterfly garden, and create music on outdoor instruments.

Students will have opportunities to learn the history behind select plants, discover how ecosystems and life cycles work, study rock formations and more.

"It is a constantly evolving project that will provide enjoyment for students for years to come," said Amy Bartlett, Principal of Sharon Elementary. "The DIGS will be an amazing addition to our school that will impact generations to come."

A grand opening ceremony for DIGS is planned in May.