

during the integration of loose parts is essential. One possibility is to have your Physical Education teacher introduce the loose parts during class. It helps to let the students know they hold some responsibility for the success of the initiative. Students need to want it to work and help with problem solving as more loose parts are added. Petite Riviere Elementary stressed the importance of having the leaders of the loose parts initiative outside with the students as they get started.

Step 5- Create a rhythm and a framework. Have a reset date where everything gets returned to one place so creativity can restart and students don't feel they own certain parts. Maybe every Friday or once a month. Some parts can be temporary like large boxes from local furniture stores that will last until the next big rain.

Step 6- Share the results of loose parts play! When we communicate about these innovative and imaginative ways to use loose parts, we are celebrating and inspiring others. Redefine waste items, be creative, and have fun!

- Baskets
- milk crates or wooden boxes
- Nets
- PVC pipe and connector pieces
- Nuts, bolts, washers
- Lumber and planks (non-pressure treated)
- Wood pieces (non-pressure treated)
- Nails and screws Logs (various lengths)
- Tree stumps and cookies (slices of tree trunks)
- Gravel, sand
- Driftwood
- Large wooden blocks
- Various sized spools (i.e from electrical wire, rope, etc.)
- Plexiglass pieces
- Seashells
- Chains, rope
- Tarps
- Pallets
- Tools
- Watering cans
- Hoses
- Wagon
- Funnels
- Kitchenware - cutlery, pots, pans, dishes
- Buckets and shovels
- Locks/keys

Resources

[Green School Story: West Northfield Forest Play Area Video](#)

[Green School Story: New Germany Early Years Learning Center](#)

[Green Schools NS Natural Playground & Outdoor Classroom Support Package](#)

[Let The Children Play Blog: Theory of Loose Parts Play](#)

[Kids with Autism Benefit from Outdoor Classroom- The Star](#)

[The Movement to Bring Back 'Risky' Play for Children - Globe & Mail](#)

[Let Kids Be Kids: Blog post by Fix.com](#)

[Loose Parts Play in the Outdoors: Video](#)

[Evergreen Canada - Outdoor Play and Learning: Loose Parts Video](#)

[Evergreen Canada - Outdoor Play and Learning: Loose Parts Routines Video](#)

[TD Friends of the Environment Funding](#)

[Toyota Evergreen Foundation School Ground Greening Grant](#)

[Evergreen Canada - Loose Parts Design Ideas](#)

[Scrapstore Playpods from UK](#)

[Green Teacher Magazine](#)

[Take Me Outside Day](#)

[Outdoor Classroom Day](#)