At Kenston, we teach the ABCs, 123s, reading, writing and arithmetic as well as reduce, reuse and recycle. We are committed to supporting our Go Green initiative and educating environmentally responsible students. To help accomplish this, our classrooms go beyond the walls of our buildings.

Our campus has become an outdoor classroom where real-world learning is available. Research shows that close encounters with nature create a direct, personal involvement with the outdoors that cannot be matched by classroom discussion or photos in a textbook. By modeling sustainable living, we build the foundation for future generations of active citizens who take care of their community.

The 750kW American-made Wind Turbine generates power to offset the school’s annual electric energy consumption.

Our Arboretum is a walking tour that starts at the Wind Turbine and highlights a variety of tree species and memorial markers. The project was completed by Rachel Sauder, 2014 graduate, as her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Outdoor Classroom brings learning to life. This gathering place with amphitheater style seating and stage, located behind Timmons Elementary School, provides an opportunity for students to integrate nature into a variety of subjects.

Enjoy a quiet moment with a book from the Little Free Library that is adjacent to the classroom. Jordan Spehar, 2017 graduate, installed this feature as her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Kenston Trails is a community supported project that encourages students and community members to enjoy outdoor physical activity. The 1.5 mile geo-friendly trails were designed to have a long lifespan with little maintenance. Funds from the King Family Trust allowed for the expansion of the running and walking path.

Take a moment to relax and reflect as you sit on one of the six benches placed throughout the trails. (For runners and walkers, the benches are positioned approximately 800 meters apart.)

Solar Panels in front of Kenston Intermediate School create a brighter future for our community. The solar arrays produce enough power for six (6) energy efficient Ohio homes.

Behind Kenston Intermediate School is a butterfly garden created with plants and flowers that attract butterflies to feed and lay eggs. Max Koch, 2015 graduate, built this as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The outdoor classroom, environmental signage and benches were funded by an Ohio Environmental Grant.

The mission of the Kenston Schools is for each student to achieve individual personal growth in a community which demonstrates and develops mutual respect, responsibility and life-long learning.

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“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”
- Albert Einstein
Kenston Arboretum

Kenston Wind Turbine/Arboretum Starting Point
Middle School

Yellow Poplar, Liriodendron tulipifera
Eastern Hemlock, Tsuga canadensis
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Jacob Jerina
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Michelle Meyers
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Kristen Dickson
Memorial Marker for Sarah Evans
Red Maple, Acer rubrum - In Memory of Hal Reichle
Red Maple, Acer rubrum - In Memory of Jonathan Edwards
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Bob Campbell
Norway Maple, Acer platanoides - In Memory of Pat Diehl
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Chip Hassett
Flowering Crabapple, Malus hopa - In Memory of Emily Goldsmith
Shellbark Hickory, Carya laciniosa - In Memory of Dave Lacy
Norway Maple, Acer platanoides - In Memory of Leslie V. Hurlebaus
Norway Maple, Acer platanoides - In Memory of Bob Williams
Flowering Dogwood, Cornus florida - In Memory of Jeremiah Staudenbaur
	Memorial Marker for Barb Harvey
	Memorial Marker for Karen Bisel
Western Arborvitae, Thuja plicata
Blue Spruce, Picea pungens - In Memory of Jay Zmarzly
Downy Serviceberry, Amelanchier arborea

Kenston Intermediate School

Red Maple, Acer rubrum - In Memory of Michael Tamburro
Kenston Solar Panels
Japanese Maple, Acer palmatum
White Ash, Fraxinus americana
Black Locust, Robinia pseudoacacia

Timmons Elementary & Kenston Trails

Red Oak, Quercus rubra
Quaking Aspen, Populus tremuloides
Cucumber Magnolia, Magnolia acuminata
Bitternut Hickory, Carya cordiformis
Sugar Maple, Acer saccharum - In Memory of Jack Cathan
Deborah Edogun Memorial
Heritage River Birch, Betula nigra - Julie S. Vaiksnoras Memorial Garden
Dwarf Crabapple, Malus micromalus - In Memory of Justin Aldridge
Eastern White Pine, Pinus strobus
American Beech, Fagus grandifolia
Black Walnut, Juglans nigra
Cork Elm, Ulmus thomasii
Black Cherry, Prunus serotina
Shagbark Hickory, Carya ovata
Pawpaw, Asimina triloba

Kenston High School

Pin Oak, Quercus palustris
White Spruce, Picea glauca
Staghorn Sumac, Rhus typhina
Littleleaf Linden, Tilia cordata
Red Maple, Acer rubrum - In Memory of Tim Haas
Flowering Dogwood, Cornus florida - In Memory of Jessica Reisinger Rauenbott and Lillia Rauenbott

Numbers in **BLUE** are trees that have a plaque identifying the common and scientific names.