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Robert Frost Elementary School Project Team:

Owner: Lake Washington School District

Architect: Studio Meng Strazzara

General contractor: Cornerstone General Contractors

Civil and structural engineer: Coughlin Porter Lundeen

Mechanical engineer: Hargis

Electrical engineer: Coffman

Landscape architect: Worthy & Associates

Acoustical: BRC Acoustics

Food service: Bundy Associates

Artists: Judith and Daniel Caldwell

Each classroom adjoins a shared learning space that can support multi-grade learning or group project activities.

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Robert Frost Elementary School

Named after the famous American poet, Robert Frost, the design of this new elementary school pays tribute to its namesake, weaving nature and poetry into the architecture. The building features plenty of wood, glass, natural colors and sustainable design elements. Taking full advantage of its tree covered site, the light-filled school captures the forest-like surroundings.

The school features unique classroom and shared learning spaces that incorporate moveable glass partitions, large windows, secure sightlines, and direct access to the outdoors. The inherent flexibility in these areas allow teachers to combine classes or create larger instructional spaces for various uses.



The Commons is a light-filled, flexible space serving as a lunchroom, assembly space, and instructional area. It opens to the stage, gymnasium, and lobby.



Project Information:

Grade levels: K-6

Student capacity: 487

Completed: September, 2009

Site size: approx. 10 acres

Building size: 59,260 square feet

Construction cost: \$19,260,000



Robert Frost is a replacement school for a previous school that was occupied during construction. The complex phasing plan provided separate construction access, temporary play areas, and safe walking routes during the construction phase. The new school was built within 10 feet of the old school at the closest point. In order to get the new school to fit on the site and allow the maximum number of trees to be retained, two classrooms and the covered play area were demolished prior to the start of construction. The remainder of the old school was demolished after completion of the new building to accommodate new playfields, hard surface play areas and parking.



Several outdoor learning spaces strengthen the connection between the school and nature.