



Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant to Moody Jr. High School for renovation of the front area of their school entrance making a "Reading Garden" available to their students.

The "Pathway to Reading" grant will allow student groups to enjoy reading in a peaceful atmosphere, away from the "bustle" of the typical school day. The project will include new shrubs, flowers, and trees that will be installed in the landscaping part of the project. This area will be located right at the front of the school entrance between the school and the "multi-purpose building" and will be the first impression left on the mind of the community members entering the school. This will allow students who have to wait for parents to have a bench to sit on instead of having to sit on the steps all the time! Also, students that have to wait to get into the band room will have a place to sit. Hopefully, it will also stop some of the drainage problems as well so there's not so much mud and water for the students to walk through.

We are going to need all the help we can get! Some of the students have signed up to volunteer for a couple of days this summer. If you are willing to help, please e-mail me at [pat.gann@sccboe.org](mailto:pat.gann@sccboe.org) or call the school at (205) 640-2040 and we will be thrilled to put your name on our "Volunteer List" so we can notify you what date we can use the help. I've been having students fill out a form to Ahmed Hassan at Yard Crashers (which is a TV show that comes on HGTV that is sponsored by Lowe's) asking him to come to Moody Jr. High. This is not likely to happen, but would get the work done and most of the labor and heavy equipment donated. This \$5,000 grant is a store credit and does not cover any other expenses necessary so your help would be greatly appreciated.

A few of the first things needed will be some of truckloads of dirt, grading, and experience with laying cement. If you can help us with this, please let us know immediately, as these will be the first steps of the project.