

Proposal for Naming PFE Outdoor Classroom
“The Ranger Station”

Pisgah Forest Elementary School has successfully completed construction of the outdoor classroom as April 14, 2017. The project was part of the School Improvement Plan to revitalize the school campus and part of the outdoor education initiative “No Child Left Inside”. The Ranger Organization of Parents and Educators (ROPE) is working in tandem with the SIT to support this initiative and collaboratively worked with the school to raise funds to support the construction of the outdoor classroom.

The outdoor classroom is located at the end of the building just off to the side of the track and field area that is shared by the school and the community. The purpose of this outdoor learning space is for standard classroom instruction outside or to have specialized instruction related to science/outdoor topics. Many of the resources we utilize are based on the partnerships we have built with forest service professionals. Likewise, the namesake we have as the Pisgah Forest “Rangers” represents a pride in service learning and care for our natural environment as well as our school.

Naming the facility “The Ranger Station” was discussed at the most recent ROPE and School Improvement Meetings in April following the completion of the project. All were in agreement that the name was an appropriate representation of the students, parents, and staff that would use the new facility and unanimously voted that the name to be presented to the Board of Education for approval.