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Tuesday: leveraging greenspaces in schools

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Dear Sarah,

As schools across the country reopen and welcome students into their spaces, it's critical to think about how we utilize greenspaces in schools, parks and outdoor areas for safe, distanced learning.

This week on "Coast to Coast," we'll explore how outdoor spaces can help improve the well-being of kids and their communities. Joining me will be Sharon Danks, CEO and founder of Green Schoolyards America.

[Episode 17: Leveraging parks and public spaces for schools during COVID-19](#)

(Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m. ET)

Sharon Danks, MLA-MCP, is founder and CEO of Green Schoolyards America, a nonprofit based in Berkeley, California. As an environmental city planner, her professional work and passion have focused on transforming asphalt-covered school grounds into park-like green spaces that improve children's well-being, learning, and play while contributing to the ecological health and resilience of our cities. She is also the coordinator of the [National COVID-19 Outdoor Learning Initiative](#), which Green Schoolyards America co-founded in May 2020. Danks is an Ashoka Fellow, a

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co-founder of the International School Grounds Alliance, and author of the book Asphalt to Ecosystems: Design Ideas for Schoolyard Transformation (New Village Press).

As always, we'll accept questions from the audience for our guest to answer.

[Click here](#) to register to join us this week. Coast to Coast is live every Tuesday at 1 p.m. ET. Learn more at kf.org/coastrsvp.

Thanks,

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