



Left: Phoenix Hur '31 examines a leaf up close during a guided walk through the arboretum's native and ornamental species. Right: Liam Tang '28 uncaps a frame of honeycomb, the first step in extracting honey from the campus beehives.

Growing Curiosity: Burroughs Cultivates Outdoor Learning Spaces Across Campus

Across Burroughs' 50-acre campus, learning increasingly extends beyond classroom walls. From the Level I arboretum to the teaching garden and campus beehives, students are exploring science, sustainability, and creativity through firsthand experiences in the natural world.

That commitment was on full display this spring during a community celebration of the school's nationally recognized arboretum. Students, families, alumni, and friends spent the day removing invasive honeysuckle, exploring the campus's diverse collection of native and ornamental trees with science teacher Darren Wang, and creating botanical monotype prints in a workshop led by Fine Arts teacher Eavan O'Neil.

Just beyond the Kuehner Fine Arts Building, another outdoor classroom continues to evolve. Around Laughing Lake, students study ecology while members of the Bomber Bee Club care for campus beehives and harvest honey that is sold to the JBS community each year.

This year, construction of the new tennis courts created an opportunity to reimagine the school's teaching garden. Rather than simply relocating it, students in Martha Keeley's Design Engineering class designed a new space behind the kitchen. There, you'll find raised garden beds, a custom-built chicken coop constructed by retired Industrial Technology & Engineering teacher Dan Barton and **IAN GILLANDERS** '20, and a new flock of bantam hens (Henrietta, Nugget, Domino, and Smudge).

Together, these spaces are transforming the Burroughs campus into a living laboratory — one where curiosity grows alongside the landscape and students learn by observing, building, cultivating, and caring for the world around them.

