

## **Progressive Design Playgrounds Publishes New Catalog; Adds Suite of New Outdoor Learning Environments**

Vista, CA, October 13, 2010 – Progressive Design Playgrounds (PDPlay), a leading designer and manufacturer of environmentally friendly [commercial playground equipment](#), [natural playgrounds](#), safety surfacing and recreation site furnishings, has published a new catalog featuring newly designed colorful playground structures, an expanded line of infant toddler equipment and a suite of new Outdoor Learning Environments. A digital version of the catalog can be downloaded at [www.pdplay.com](http://www.pdplay.com) or contact the company at 800.585.3131 or email [sales@pdplay.com](mailto:sales@pdplay.com).

Over the last few years, leaders in childhood development have become increasingly aware of the necessity and benefit of incorporating natural elements into their programs. Early champions of natural learning through play, PDPlay launched its line of [Outdoor Learning Environments](#) in direct response to feedback from child development experts. The company now offers dozens of new and innovative [natural playgrounds](#) for schools, communities and daycare facilities, which are featured in a dedicated section of the catalog. Drawing on its deep experience in combining nature and play, the company creates custom Outdoor Learning Environments that reinforce the physical, social, cognitive and behavioral lessons children learn in school.

### **About Outdoor Learning Environments**

Outdoor Learning Environments are natural play spaces that allow children to explore their surroundings with sight, hearing, touch and smell. Through natural learning, these [outdoor classrooms](#) enhance and reinforce the lessons students learn in every subject from math to the arts. They come in many different configurations depending upon the school, the community, the climate and resources available. They range from vegetable gardens, to water play, to slides built into grass hills, to stages where pretend play capitalizes on natural surroundings to stimulate young minds. More elaborate natural playgrounds include science labs, greenhouses, ponds, dirt trails, trike trails and mazes and reading amphitheaters. They often include local plants and boulders, contributing to the authenticity of the natural environment. These outdoor classrooms function as play areas on their own or as additions to traditional physically challenging stand alone play structures such as overhead ladders, ring mazes, and climbing walls.

### **About Progressive Design Playgrounds**

[Progressive Design Playgrounds](#) designs and manufactures environmentally friendly commercial playground equipment, natural playgrounds, safety surfacing and recreation site furnishings. Based in Vista, California, Progressive Design Playgrounds' play structures and natural playgrounds are available worldwide through an extensive dealer network. For more information visit the company's website at [www.pdplay.com](http://www.pdplay.com) or contact the company at 800.585.3131.

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