

Strathcona Park Curiosities

Name(s) of Curious Sandy Hill Kids:

As you walk north from the parking lot toward Laurier, look for the tree in the photo below. Draw a tree monster that looks like this tree.

*There are things of interest all around us,
waiting to be seen;
Things that make us wonder, things that
make us dream,
Things that let us to figure out what is right
below our noses,
With details our noticing, thinking and
learning exposes.
We can make connections between
countries and flags unfurled
And learn about many other places in the
world.
We can think about shapes and the lines
that make them whole.
We can count, design, plan and tell stories --
all while we stroll.
So head to Strathcona and wander around
the path, up, down and back,
Then cross the street to Range Road 's
sidewalk and slowly backtrack,
Keep your eyes open, and your thinking in
high gear
And the answers you seek and activities to
do will be clear!*



My Monster Tree Drawing:

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Look for the big cement pad to the south of the wading pool. The whole pad is a circle. What are geometry names you would use for the biggest shapes inside the circle? List three different terms you can use for these shapes.

_____ ;
_____ ;

Name the other shapes you can see in this cement pad.

This cement pad used to have a gazebo on it. Look for the gazebo in the historic photo below.



This photo was taken some time between 1904-1910. If you were born in 1904 and were still alive, how old would you be?

<https://www.ash-ac.s.ca/history/strathcona-park/>

Barry Padolsky is a Sandy Hill architect who agreed to design a new gazebo to be built on this cement pad. He agreed to do this pro bono, which means he volunteered and is not asking to be paid for his work. In the space below, draw the kind of structure you would like to have built on this pad. Let your imagination go wild! Ask for extra paper if you need it 😊

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How many steps are in the stairs below the Russian Embassy that lead down to the Odyssey Theatre stage? You may want the space below to jot down your math thinking.

Check out the Odyssey Theatre seating at the north end of the park. Looking at the tiered benches, estimate how many people would be able to sit down on them to watch a show. (Remember: An estimate is a 'guess' you have to do some thinking to come up with. Tip: Think about how many people could fit on one length of bench. Then think about how many benches there are in each section. Figure out how many sections there are all together. Explain how you figured out your estimate.) Math thinking space below!!!

The public washrooms beside the Odyssey Theatre stage have some shapes on them. Count the shapes and write in the totals you get for the shapes below.

___ Green squares decorating the top section of the washrooms

___ Green rectangles (that are not squares)

What is unusual about the overall shape of the washrooms?

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Walk back up the stairs to Laurier Avenue and cross the street to the west side of Range Road. As you walk down the hill on Range Rd., look for the flags below. When you find a flag, look for a plaque on the embassy or consulate to which the flag belongs. Figure out what country the flag is from and what continent that country is in. Write in what you have found below.



Country?: _____

Continent? _____



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Continent? _____



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Continent? _____

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If you could visit one of these countries, which would it be? What would you want to do there?

Be sure to submit your thinking and answer to Action Sandy Hill!

Country?: _____

Continent? _____



Country?: _____

Continent? _____