Help conserve water use on your schoolyard. Mulch does more than just look good. It reduces mud, prevents erosion and helps the soil retain moisture for plants.

Mulch can be spread anytime, spring or autumn. Contact DPS Grounds Dept. 2-3 weeks before your work day to coordinate a delivery of mulch. They can provide tools as well.

Your school’s FM can help contact DPS.

Aim for a 6 inch mulch layer

Trees love a mulch ring, but keep it 3-4 inches from their trunk, to avoid moisture rot on their bark.

Tips:

- Spreading mulch near plants? Use your hands instead of a rake, to avoid accidental damage.
- Mulch isn’t too heavy, so fill wheelbarrows all the way to the top.
- Use Square ‘Transfer’ Shovels
- Don’t bury irrigation heads