



PROJECT: PLAYGROUND

PROJECT GOAL

To provide Granby with a safer, cleaner and more physically engaging playground that's accessible to every child, regardless of abilities.

FUNDRAISING GOAL

\$60,000

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

Why are we replacing the existing equipment?

The decision to replace the equipment at this time is based on its age and condition. Since our current equipment's manufacture is no longer in business we cannot get replacement parts. Our current structure is largely composed of wood, attracts bees and is prone to splintering. While our playground equipment does meet safety requirements, newly installed equipment is held to much higher guidelines. The new structures will be designed to provide our kids with pieces that interest all ages and offer developmentally appropriate use of all muscle groups.

Why isn't the Worthington School District responsible for covering these costs?

The district funds each school's original playground structure when the school is built. After that initial installation, the district does maintain the equipment if something breaks or is damaged. Since ours can no longer be maintained, the PTA is responsible for replacing the equipment. The district will help us with the removal of the existing equipment, dig the holes for the new equipment posts, and install proper drainage and mulch.

Isn't \$60,000 a lot of money to raise?

Yes, it certainly is. However we have met with 3 different playground equipment companies to get the lowest price for the best equipment that will meet the needs of our students. Our playground will consist of 2 play structures with a couple additional free standing play structures. To save our community thousands of additional dollars, we will use volunteers of parents, teachers, community members to help assemble the structure with the leadership from the equipment representatives.

Do you plan to raise all the funds from the parents and school staff?

It would be great if we could, as no other group is more passionate about our kids. But we also recognize that everyone has numerous worthwhile causes they support. Our hope is that everyone will simply consider including this effort in their giving plans this year. Future fundraising plans include approaching area businesses and regional/national funding sources – all of which will want to know how much support we have received from our own constituency.

How long will it take to raise the money and have the playground in place?

We hope to have funding in place and the playground built during the 2013-14 school year. However, if we are unable to raise the funds this school year we will have to raise our goal amount as the prices of the equipment go up every year.

What else can you tell me about my contribution?

You will receive a receipt for your donation, which may be tax-deductible. Talk with your tax advisor about these benefits and check to see if your company will match your donation.