

Playground builders, volunteers, community members, and committee members,

We are getting ready to build the first phase of the playground at PHSSA and we need plenty of volunteer support. These dates have changed so please mark your calendars. We are going to do the build April 16-19. Here is a day-by-day synopsis of the work. The 16 and 19 are open to everyone, families, community members and anyone who wants to help. The 17 and 18 require skilled, strong workers. There will be a sign up sheet at the front desk for folks who want to sign up for specifics. Also, if you can't be there these dates you can always send in food or drink items to support the workers.

April 16 Folks should bring work gloves, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. We will have extras if people do not have them. We will be moving the old mulch off the playground surface. Bill Shanabruch will also be there to begin work on the butterfly garden using composted mulch from the playground (if we have enough volunteers). Kids who can help are encouraged to come, but will have to stay off the playground equipment.

April 17 We need bandsaws, sawsalls, shovels, and strong folks to help remove some of the current playground equipment and chop it up for recycling. Also, we will be building the drainage system this day. (10-12 folks max on this day because we will have heavy equipment on site) Also, absolutely no kids on this day.

April 18 will be the actual playground build date. We need 8-10 strong people who can assemble the equipment, move it, and hand mix and pour concrete. Need wheelbarrows and shovels. Again no kids on site.

April 19 Spread new mulch over the playground. This is a huge task- 3 dumptrucks of mulch! Bring the whole family, shovels, rakes gloves and wheelbarrows!

Please volunteer even if you do not have the above tools, there will be extras on site.

Also we need 2 or 3 trucks and strong people to pick up supplies (including 1600 pounds of concrete) a few days before the build. And 3 or 4 folks to unload the delivery of the equipment.

If you know a company that may want to donate food or drinks for any of these dates, please contact them. We already have an offer of coffee from Lamplighter. I will make a flyer and sign up sheet to hang up at school as well, emphasizing the 16 and 19 as dates for families and the community to come out and volunteer. If you talk to people who have the specific skills listed above, please have them call (226.1529), email me, or sign up at the front desk of PHSSA. Thanks so much, our kids will have a "real playground" and not just an asphalt lot and strip of grass!!!!