



## A Message about the Playground Work being completed THIS SUMMER

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that we share our plans for the summer renovations to the TCS playground! Things will look very different for the kids when they return to school in the fall!

Construction will begin promptly after the school year ends, with our excavation team starting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be completing prep work for resurfacing and extending the asphalt of the existing basketball pad, adding a large asphalt pad that will encompass the two tetherball posts, rerouting sprinkler lines and adding fill to low spots on the south side of the field. Paving will get underway on July 6<sup>th</sup> and will be completed that week.

In addition to the resurfacing of the basketball area, we will be tearing out the old basketball hoops, getting them refinished, and buying two new height-adjustable basketball hoops. This will create two basketball courts running north-south from the outside wall of the gym.

The newly asphalted area between the tetherball posts will become the Four Square court(s); moving them off of their current location in the basketball area.

These changes will help to reduce congested areas during recess times, reduce mud coming into the school, and create a safe place for the children who want to play Four Square or Basketball without getting in each other's way.

This year's Walkathon funds raised by Kindergarten to Grade 5, were earmarked for monkey bar type playground equipment. While we had every intention of adding a piece or two this summer, we have had to HOLD OFF. To excavate, purchase and ship the piece(s), re-route sprinklers, install and fill with washed rock, we needed a minimum of \$25,000 raised to make the project worthwhile. The Kindergarten to Grade 5 students raised just over \$16,000 (with \$8500 being raised towards SALTS by Grades 6-9).

So what are we going to do? To start with, the money will be kept for playground equipment by Trinity Opportunity Council (TOC). We have discovered that there are some private and government grants that we can apply for, to top up this amount, so that we are able to complete the playground project NEXT SUMMER. These grants take 8-10 months to be processed and there is no guarantee that we will get one. Additionally, we can appeal to some corporate sponsors for support or host another small fundraiser to bring in the needed funds.

Attached you will find a (not to scale) diagram of what WILL be completed this summer. If you have any questions or comments about these plans, please direct them to Michelle Prather at [chairperson@tcstoc.com](mailto:chairperson@tcstoc.com)

Thanks for your understanding and patience as we all work together for the good of the school.

In Christ,

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