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Dear Prospect Mill 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family:

Did you hear the news? We revealed a rendering for the NEW PLAYGROUND we intend to install at Prospect Mill by the end of May 2020! It is so exciting, but we do need a little help here in the home-stretch as we make this project a reality for our students.

Prospect Mill Elementary School's PTA is seeking help from families to help raise funds to provide our children with age-appropriate playgrounds. Our existing Kindergarten playground has been well-loved for many, many years, but is now quite worn and due to be replaced. Our children need and deserve a safe area to develop their gross motor skills, improve social skills and enhance their learning in an outdoor learning environment. For many years, families from Prospect Mill have helped raise money to help purchase a third playground that will be ideal for our younger Pandas in Kindergarten and First Grade. This playground will, however, benefit all students at PMES, since it is rated for ages 5-12. We have successfully saved the majority of funds required for this large project, but need just a little help as we approach the finish line, as we intend to have this new playground installed and ready for children sometime in May 2020.

This beautiful new playground costs nearly \$80,000.00. We have reached out to local organizations and have applied for several grants. However, competition for these grants is fierce and we know that these cannot be considered a certain source of funding for us. Since this has been an ongoing, group effort for our community for many years, we would like to offer a special opportunity for **our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PMES families to leave their "pawprint" on our new playground.**

**If we get enough interest, we would like to dedicate a, "Buddy Bench" on our new playground for students to sit with a friend during recess.** Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, our students are unable to participate on the playground, and it would be nice for those students to have a place to chat or play a game with a friend. **If we raise enough money from our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class, the bench would have a plaque indicating that it is a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Gift from the Class of 2020.** With nearly 100 students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we are hoping for \$10-20 donation per student to make this gift a reality, but certainly any size contribution would be greatly appreciated. To contribute, please visit [www.prospectmillpta.org](http://www.prospectmillpta.org) and click on the Playground Donations tab **beginning Monday, February 3.**

**Since we are on a very tight timeline to make sure we are able to install the playground in May, we must have all donations for this particular item by February 12, at which time all sponsorships not yet claimed will be offered to local businesses. Hopefully we can achieve this goal by the deadline and dedicate this bench as a gift from the PMES class of 2020!**

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



The PMES PTA Executive Committee  
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