

Dear St. Albert's Families,

We, the Playground Project Committee, are excited to announce that the plans to move forward with the improvements have begun! This will be a multiphase plan. We are going to heavily rely on parent and family involvement. This will be a great way to get those service hours completed. So, please expect a lot of communication regarding these opportunities.

The first phase of the project will be getting underway March 4th-6th. In this phase we will be removing all the recycled tire bark from under the play structure and replacing it with 3/8 pea gravel. We chose pea gravel because it is a safer alternative to the rubber tire bark. The estimated cost for phase 1 will be approximately \$6000. Graciously, a parent has come forward offering to possibly cover the total cost of this phase.

As of now, we have a total of \$51,230 in the playground project fund. This amount includes, \$6,230 from the PTO board, \$20,000 donated from Joan Sequeira and \$25,000 donated from Denise Wall. We are currently working to finalize the plans so that we can know the exact cost of the project and the additional funds needed to fund the project.

We know that the PTO is busy working on the annual wine auction of which the proceeds will again be donated but there will still be needed funds to complete the project. We are looking for donations and sponsors to help through out the project so please be on the look out for the information regarding these opportunities.

To complete phase 1, per our schedule, we need as much parent help as possible to make this happen. If you are interested in helping the first weekend in March, please contact Annie Chavez at 775-813-5284 for all details and the schedule. Beverages and snacks and lunch on Saturday will be provided, so please RSVP. And if you forget to RSVP please come anyway. We need all the help we can get. Please bring shovels and gloves and be ready to work!

This is a great way to welcome all of our new families and reconnect with old families. Come join us and feel what it means to be a part of this community.

Sincerely,

Annie Chavez

Playground Project Committee Chair