

## PLAYGROUND REBUILD PROJECT REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

This school year is the 40th Anniversary of Meridian Heights School in Stony Plain. As part of this celebration, we have a project to replace the current playground. With over 700 students from K-9 in both English and French Immersion, our school is the largest in the division and needs a large play space. Our playground is one of the oldest in the school division and being a wood structure, is near the end of its lifespan. Our goal is to build an exciting playground area that encourages active play for all ages of students. As well as being a great new playground for our school, we aim to provide something for the greater community. Climbing structures to interest older children do not exist in Stony Plain currently so we hope this playground will be used by a large portion of our community, not just the school.

The Meridian Heights School Advisory Association (MHSAA), a registered Non-profit group, leads this large project. Excitement within the school population, particularly with younger students, is high. We have launched many fundraisers within our school and have more to come. Currently we have raised over \$220,000 in cash as well as many in kind donations. However, as of January 2015, we are still **\$60,000 short of our goal**. To try to meet that goal, we are also seeking help from organizations and companies in our community.

We will build the playground this summer (July 2015) so any short comings in funding will mean a cut in scope of the project. If you could help in any way to help make the complete project a reality, we would really appreciate it. Larger donations will be recognized either by a plaque at the playground, or designating your funds to a particular piece of equipment with your name on it. An outline of our donation levels is attached.

Please contact me with any questions you may have, or to pledge support.

We would also be happy to come out and give a presentation to your group or company if desired.

Thank you for considering our request for support,

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# PLAYGROUND REBUILD PROJECT DONATION PROGRAMS

Would you like to donate to the Playground Rebuild Project?

We are offering the following donation programs. Pick whichever one suits your means and use the included form to fill out your information and complete your donation.

#### **<u>\$40 TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS:</u>**

In honor of Meridian Heights School's upcoming 40th Anniversary, we will recognize anyone who donates between \$40 and \$150 in our \$40 for 40 Years Campaign. Anyone can participate in this program, but it is especially good as a gift idea for an alumnus of Meridian Heights, or if you are alumni yourself, why not be a part of supporting the new playground. Each donor will receive a commemorative certificate as part of the \$40 for 40 Years program.

## **BUY A BRICK AND BUILD A PLAYGROUND:**

Buy a personalized paving stone for the entrance to our playground and your support will be there for all to see! If you are a family in our school, your kids will love to be able to see your family's name as part of the playground! Or purchase the brick in memory of someone special, or as a company donation.

This campaign has two brick sizes:

**<u>4''x8'' paving stone</u>**: A **\$150 dollar donation** will buy a personalized 4'' x 8'' engraved paving stone. Donate \$200 and we will include a duplicate stone for you to keep. (Pick up at the school in June).

<u>8" x 8" paving stone</u>: A \$500 donation will buy an 8" x 8" engraved paving stone. Donate \$550 and we will include a duplicate stone for you to keep. (Pick up at the school in June).

## **BUY A PIECE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:**

Would you or your company like to make an even larger donation? Why not buy a piece of our playground equipment and we can put your name on it? We will have pieces ranging from \$2,000 bouncers or \$3,000 swings, through to large saucer swings and giant net structures (\$30,000). If you are interested in this type of donation, please let us know how much you would like to donate and we can match up a piece of equipment with you once our design is finalized.

## **GENERAL DONATIONS and RECOGNIZED DONOR LEVELS:**

If you would just like to donate and not be a part of any of the above campaigns, that is fine too. Any amount is welcome. For larger donations, we have set up the following levels of donor recognition: **Bronze \$1,000 to \$4,999, Silver \$5,000 to \$9,999, Gold \$10,000 to 49,999 and Platinum \$50,000 and over.** These levels will be recognized on a playground plaque and in the local newspaper at our grand opening.

Thank you in advance for your support! Every little bit helps!

If you prefer not to be recognized publically in any of these programs, please write that on your donation form.

#### Meridian Heights School Advisory Association (MHSAA) PLAYGROUND REBUILD PROJECT DONATION FORM

Thank you for donating to our Playground Rebuild. We appreciate your support!
NAME:
PROV / POSTAL CODE:
DAYTIME PHONE # EXT
EMAIL:
Do you currently have children in our school? Y N Are you or a family member a school alumnus? Y N
Yes I wish to Donate to the " <b>\$40 to Celebrate 40 Years</b> " campaign. Amount \$ (Minimum \$40) Name to appear on Commemorative Certificate:
Yes, I wish to donate to the " <b>Buy a Brick, Build a Playground</b> " Campaign Please select the size of brick you wish to purchase and fill out the message you wish to have on the brick. Example: "The Smith Family", or "In Memory of Mary Jones", etc.
4" X 8" = \$150 Include a duplicate for me for an additional \$50
Engraved message maximum 2 lines of 14 upper case characters including spaces and punctuation
8" X 8" = \$500 Include a duplicate for me for an additional \$50
Engraved message maximum 4 lines of 14 upper case characters including spaces and
I wish to donate a larger amount as part of the Donor Recognition Program (Minimum \$1000) Approximate amount desired to be donated is \$

For donations over \$2000 we will contact you about being recognized on a piece of equipment.

I do not wish to be part of any program but would like to support the Playground Rebuild. Donation amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DONATION

Thanks again for supporting the Meridian Heights Playground Rebuild Project

## Make cheques payable to: MHSAA

Please note that we are a Registered Non-Profit not a Registered Charity and as such are not able to issue Charitable Tax Receipts.

Drop off at Meridian Heights School Office or Mail this form to: MHSAA PLAYGROUND PROJECT 4119-43 St, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1R2

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