

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On behalf of our Inclusive Playground Committee, we would like to provide you an update on our progress.

At the end of September our committee met with a representative from Habitat Systems, our playground equipment supplier, to review where we are at and what our plan going forward will be.

So where are we at?

Our budget is set at \$150,000 which includes using the existing equipment, adding a few new inclusive pieces, fixing the drainage, replacing the pea gravel with wheelchair accessible engineered wood chips. Thanks to many wonderful people we have been fortunate to raise just under \$140,000 to date. To get us to our goal, we are waiting to hear if we've been successful on a couple grant applications. Also, our project was approved by Aviva Community Fund to participate in their funding process and the **Voting is Open now until October 19th**. **Please see below on how to cast your votes!** Additional money raised will get us to the goal and if we go beyond our goal, we'll be able to set aside money for ongoing maintenance as well as plan to add more inclusive equipment in the future and eventually replace the old structures as needed.

What's next?

We are targeting mid-April (frost dependent) to begin playground construction which we expect will take 2 months to complete. We are looking for a person with project management or a construction background to help coordinate disassembly of current playground equipment and then re-assembly of it. If this is music to your ears☺, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our principal, Kathleen Barth for more details.

Also, as part of our playground fundraising we were granted money specifically to develop a garden as an extension to our playground. The work on the garden will begin this month.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support. Please reach out if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Inclusive Playground Committee

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to avivacommunityfund.org2. Register with email or Facebook3. Search for "Kodiaks for Inclusion"4. Cast your votes for our community project5. Ask family and friends to cast their votes before Oct 19th.
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