

The St. John's Yard Improvement Committee has been busy making plans and attending training sessions with the Let Them Be Kids Foundation for our playground's "Extreme Makeover" on May 29, 2010. Children have been voting in their classrooms for the items they would most like to see in their new playground. Ask your child what he/she voted for! Once these votes have been tallied, they will be sent off to our contact at Belair Recreation who will design a playground specifically for our children with the items they have chosen! In addition, our playground will be dedicated in the honour of a fallen hero from the local Perth area.

Every dollar raised by our school and community will be matched *dollar for dollar* by the Let Them Be Kids Foundation meaning every \$1 you donate or raise automatically turns into \$2 – what an impact each of us can make! We would like to thank everyone who has already donated to the playground fund in lieu of teacher's gifts at Christmas time. Proceeds from future movie nights will also be going to the playground fund so be sure to come out and enjoy an evening with your children and raise money for such a great cause.

Our website will soon be up and running where you will be able to follow our progress and even join the cause yourself! We will need help with fundraising or you can sign up to help out on Build Day. This is something you won't want to miss being part of!

This award also provides a tremendous opportunity to help our children learn a lesson far greater than just getting a new playground. By strengthening and defining our sense of community, we will motivate and inspire them to help others for the good of giving and not because they will get something in return.

This is a great time to discuss with your children what they would like to do to contribute to their new playground. Maybe they would like to do extra work at home to earn some money to donate to their new playground. Anything that will help them understand that they are an important part of this process and when everyone joins together, great things can be accomplished!

More details to follow on what's next!

St. John Playground Committee

Hockey Dates (more dates will follow)

Grade 7 & 8 Girls - one team - February 1, 2010

Grade 7 & 8 Boys Competitive - one team - February 22, 2010

Gr. 5/6 Tournament – Feb. 10 in Carleton Place

Grade 7 & 8 Recreational - March 1, 2010