

“Pathway To Play”

With the completion and success of the Learning Commons, we are now looking to expand a similar concept to our playgrounds and classrooms. Having high quality, safe and accessible play structures are one of the 21st century's answers to modern child development. One way of meeting these needs is to improve our community's play structures. However, recess on the playground at Central is not what it could be because the **playground equipment is almost 20 years old**. It's outdated and has been patched-up by the district over the last several years. The playgrounds are in desperate need of a makeover. A review of the current equipment shows wear and tear that can't be maintained by the district much longer. Furthermore, the vision is to reconfigure the playground into one large space so the children can run freely between the play structures.

With this in mind, Central School's administration and the PTA have partnered together in a joint fundraising “**Pathway to Play**” effort to improve our playgrounds. In the past, our community was successful at raising money and recruiting volunteers for similar projects, including the Learning Commons, four years ago. The Central School teachers plan to volunteer their time to this effort as well. We're hoping our community will rally again to support this project.

Below is the vision we have for the Kindergarten and main playground areas. The photos offer a general idea of what we hope our playgrounds will look like. Our goal is to do the project in phases as we raise money, with the ground, main structure and swings being the first to be erected on the playgrounds. This way, you will see your volunteer time and donations at work and the children enjoying the playground at the earliest time possible.

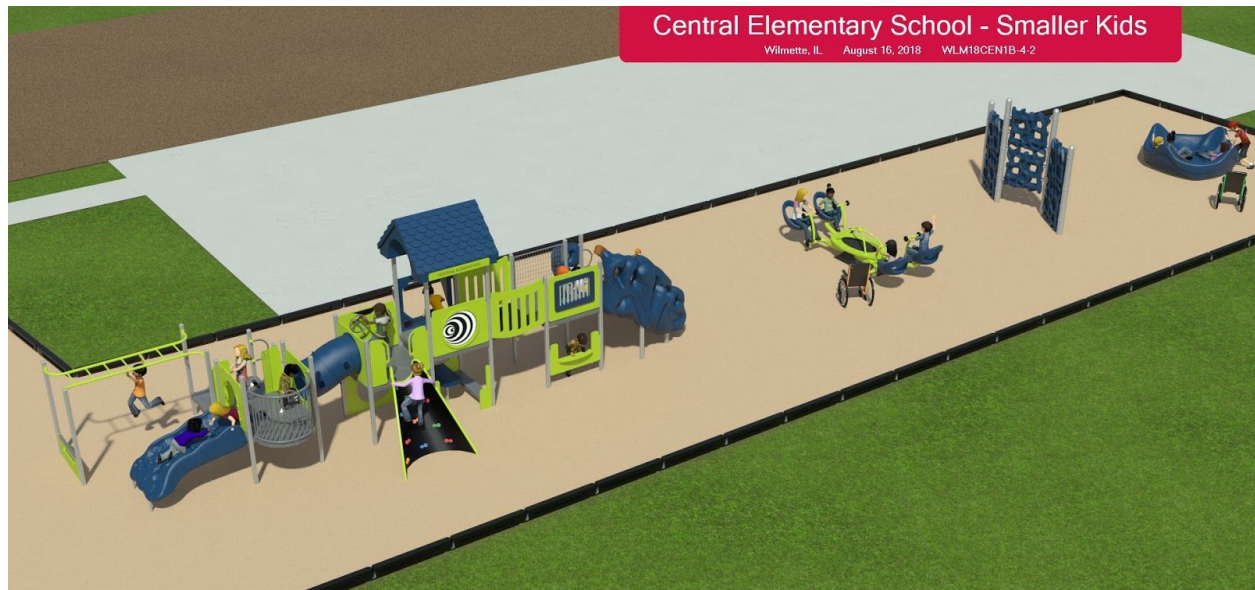
This is one of several email communications regarding this project. We know this email will generate a lot of questions since this project is just getting started. More information will be coming soon!

Sincerely,

Becky Littmann, Principal

Barbara Bentivenga, PTA President

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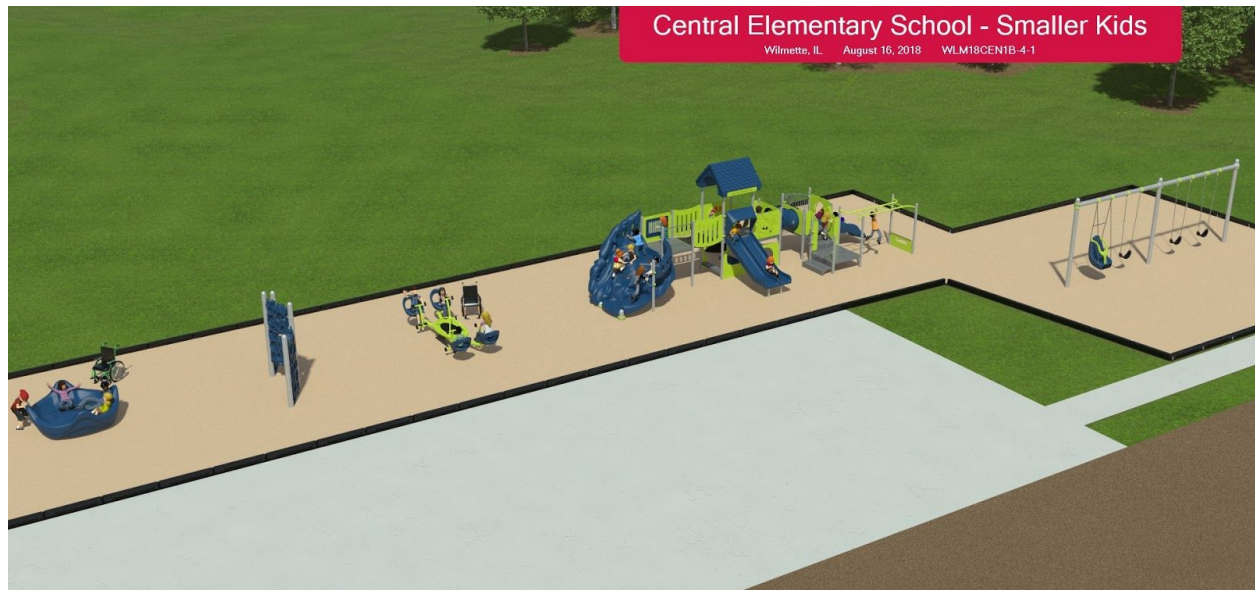
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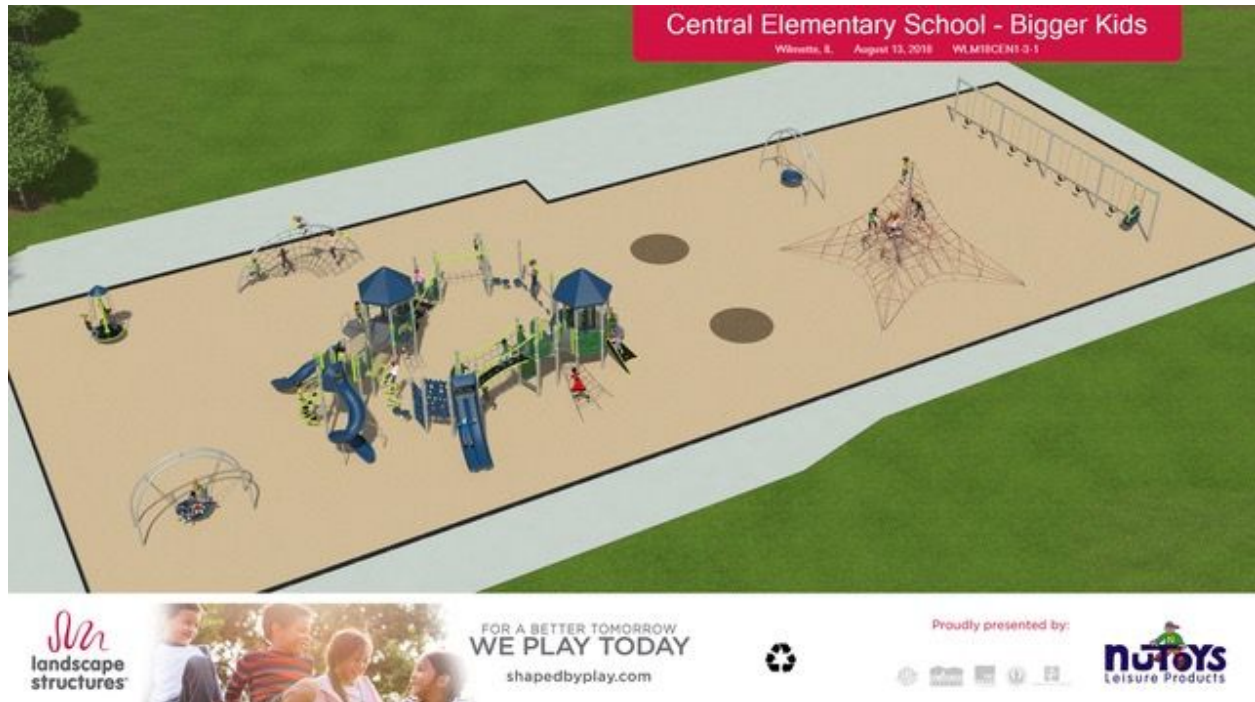
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Playground Plans for Grades 1-4 - DRAFT

(Note: brown circles in the drawings are current trees we hope to keep unharmed)





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