

Verndale School Playground Committee
411 SW Brown St.
Verndale, MN 56481
Fall, 2024

Dear Valued Supports of Verndale School,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share exciting news about a project that has been near and dear to our hearts in the Verndale community. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and supporters, we have successfully raised enough funds to purchase the new playground equipment for our school! It will be shipped this spring!

Now, we are entering the final phase of this project: preparing the ground and installing turf to create a safe and accessible play area for all students. To complete this crucial step, we need to raise an additional \$100,000 to \$120,000. We are reaching out to members of the community, former teachers, alumni, and local businesses to ask for your help in making this dream a reality.

This playground project holds special significance for our students and the community because it will:

- **Promote Inclusivity for All Abilities:** Currently, some of our students with differing abilities cannot fully engage in play during recess. The new playground, designed with accessibility in mind, will create an inclusive environment where every child can play, regardless of ability.
- **Provide Age-Appropriate Equipment for Preschoolers:** Our preschoolers currently lack age-appropriate play spaces. With this project, we will fence off a designated area to ensure their safety and provide the proper equipment for their developmental needs.
- **Offer Engaging Play for Older Students:** Students in 5th and 6th grade need spaces that cater to their interests and abilities. The new design will offer opportunities for meaningful play that is age-appropriate and challenging.

With the equipment now secured, we are closer than ever to bringing this vision to life. However, we need your help to finish the final phase. We are seeking support to cover the costs of the turf and ground preparation needed to make the playground safe, durable, and accessible.

Our goal is to break ground on this project in spring/summer 2025, and with your support, we can ensure that the playground is completed on schedule. Your contribution, no matter the size, will bring us one step closer to creating a space where all children can learn, grow, and thrive.

Sponsorship Levels:

- **Hearties:** \$200 - \$499
- **Privateers:** \$500 - \$1499
- **Sink Me!:** \$1500 - \$4999
- **Shiver Me Timbers:** \$5000 and Above

In recognition of your generosity, we will display a sign at the entrance of the playground, honoring our valued sponsors. Your support will have a lasting impact on the lives of children in the Verndale community for years to come.

If you are interested in contributing or would like more information, please contact Rachel Johnson at 218-640-7205 or rrjdwj@gmail.com. Donations can also be made online at <http://spot.fund/67426sc> or by writing a check to Verndale Public School (Memo line: Playground fund).

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our school and community. We look forward to working together to create a vibrant, inclusive space for our children.

Warm regards,

Verndale Playground Committee