

Glen Williams Public School welcomes new playground

The students of Glen Williams Public School went without a playground this past year, so some community-minded groups and businesses recently came together to get some new equipment in place.

A slide and climber were removed from the grounds last summer due to safety concerns, leaving an empty pit in the schoolyard for the 2015-16 year for the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 students.

But members of the school s parent council began putting plans into place last September for a new playground, and thanks to some outside help, a new climbing structure was installed last month.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown stepped forward with a \$10,000 donation, while the fatherand-son excavating business run by Glen Williams P.S. grads Bill & Jordan Kirby, also known as Guys from the Glen, contributed their time to the project, hauling away 17 truckloads of dirt at a cost savings of several thousand dollars.

Without the help of these people, we would ve had to wait a lot longer for the playground because we re such a small school, said parent council member Susan Winser.

It would have been at least a year, if not two years for it to happen, but it all came together nicely.



Grade 4 Glen Williams Public School student Emma Gombocz and her mom Lisa, who also attended the school, were thrilled to see a new playground put in place last month after going without one for the past year.

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The school community generated more than \$10,000 itself through the Lamontagne Chocolates fundraiser and an impromptu collection at the nearby Norval Pancake Factory went to the playground fund.

The project required the approval of the Halton District School Board, Town of Halton Hills and Credit Valley Conservation.

The climber, installed by Hoog's Adventures, is just phase one of the project, with a slide and Buddy Bench to be erected in the next couple of years at an additional cost of an estimated \$15,000.





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