



Dear Empire Families,

Let's talk fundraising. (Wait, wait, don't crumple this letter up!)

Three years ago, the Empire School Council launched a goal to install a natural playground that could be used by **all students** at Empire year-round. It has been a long three years of fundraising and we would very much like to have this playground** installed before the end of the 2015-16 school year. To view the playground design concept, please visit our website at <https://empirepscouncil.com>. We are SO close to making a spring/summer installation a reality. In fact, we are only \$15,000 away from our final goal.

Fifteen thousand dollars may sound like a huge number, but it's really not. As an example, there are 573 students at Empire. If every family were to contribute \$26 per student, we'd meet our goal.

In order to provide our students with an engaging and exciting natural playground experience, we need the school community's assistance. We understand that not every family is in a position to contribute financially to this effort. Your volunteer time, ideas, or encouragement is equally as valued as a monetary donation. Therefore, whatever level of contribution your family is comfortable with will be deeply appreciated. Our fundraising plans also include recruiting local businesses, community organizations, and Empire neighbours who also use our playground, and we are in the process of making those requests.

If you are ready to write a cheque today, please make it out to "*Empire PS*" and return it in the envelope provided by Friday, November 27th. Online donations from your family, friends, and even grandparents are also welcome by using our Waterloo Education Fund, Inc. (WEFI) account site. (<https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/15506>). Please be sure to specify that your donation be for "Empire PS" in the drop down menu. You will also have the option to make your donation in honour of a former/current/future Empire student or teacher. Tax receipts will be provided for all donations over \$15. A booth will be set up outside Empire during drop-off and pick-up times on November 24 & 26 for in person donations as well. Every dollar counts!

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Empire PS School Council
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*** pending Board approval*