

Project Update - Sept 2024

Monforton Playground Restoration Project



Meeting Agenda

- Introduction
- Project Overview
- Fundraising Update
- Next Steps
- Feedback/Discussion



Monforton Moves

- Committee organized under the Monforton School Foundation (501c3)
- Sister organization to P.A.W.S.



Monforton Moves

Transportation Safety

- Safe Routes to School
- Bike/Walk to School
- Crosswalk Yield Signs
- Liaison with County

Active, healthy lifestyles

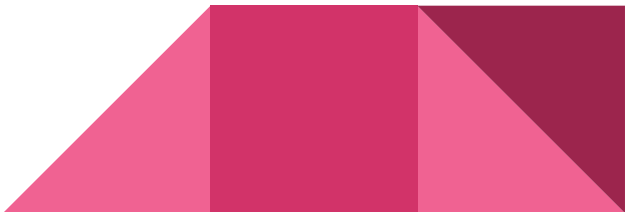
- Winter “Move It” Challenge
- “Move It” PAWS Family Fun night
- Playground Restoration

Project Overview

“Playgrounds Shouldn’t Look Like Prison Yards”

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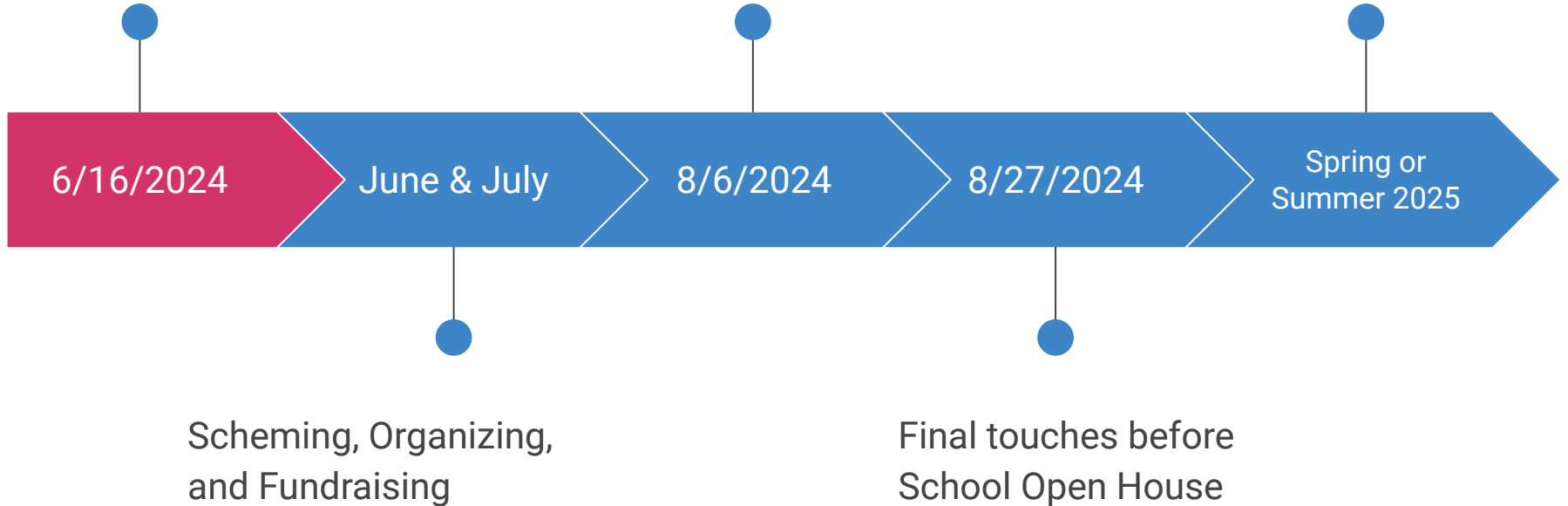
Goal: Restore and expand the outdoor play facilities of Monforton School

- Entire volunteer undertaking, organized by Monforton Moves
 - No funding from the school
 - Will take 3-5 years to complete*
 - Estimated cost: \$80k to \$120k
 - Phase 1 Focus: Restoration & Getting the Ball rolling
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**Project Origin:
PAWS Meeting**

Phase 1 Project Day!
50+ helpers and tons
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Phase 2 and beyond



Project Origin

“What’s up with the playground? Can we do something about it?”

Lyndee Haire, PAWS Meeting, May 2024

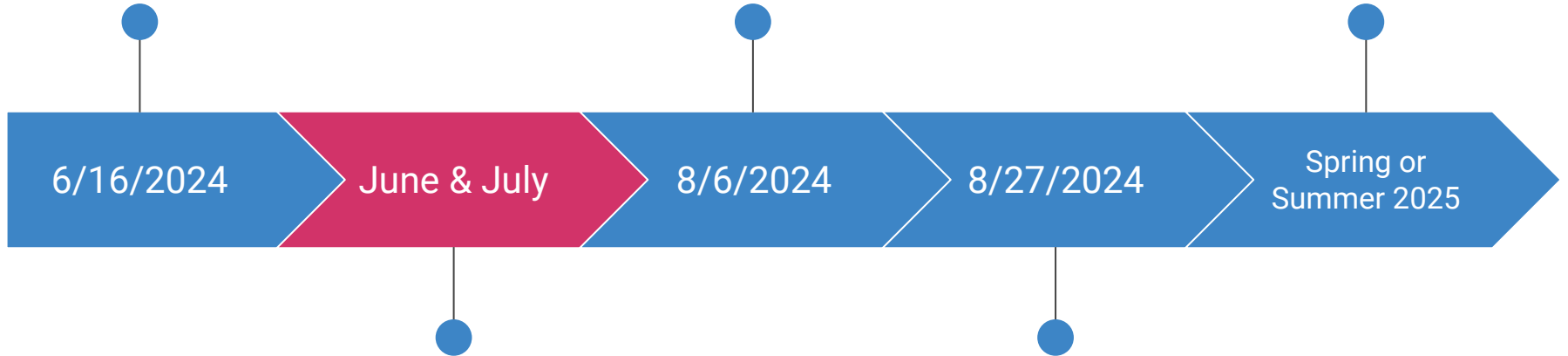
- Elementary Playground had deteriorated to an inadequate state
 - **Overuse:** Too many kids (400+) for too little of space
 - **COVID:** Maintenance neglect
 - **No Investment:** Anticipation for a complete redo as part of 2023 Bond (which failed). School budgets have not prioritized playground facilities.



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**Scheming, Organizing,
and Fundraising**

Final touches before
School Open House

Scheming, Organizing, and Fundraising

- Evaluated current state of playground and synced with stakeholders
- Defined a Phase 1 focused on restoration and quick wins
- Announced the project/plan to the community and received huge support!





“Playgrounds Shouldn’t Look Like Prison Yards”



\$9,730

Raised or contributed to project



Fundraising and Contributions: \$9,730



ECLIPSE
LANDSCAPING



PETER BUILT
CONSTRUCTION

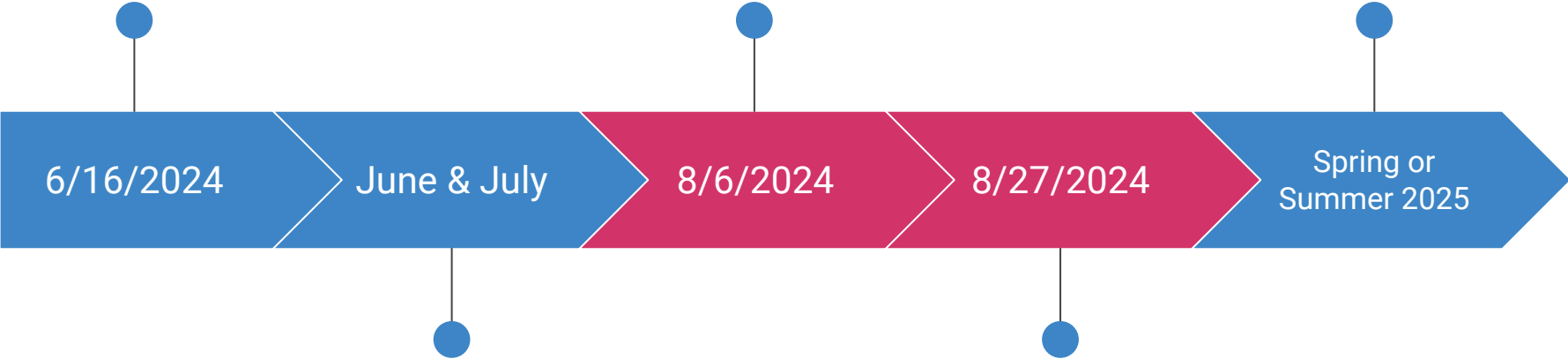


Business Support

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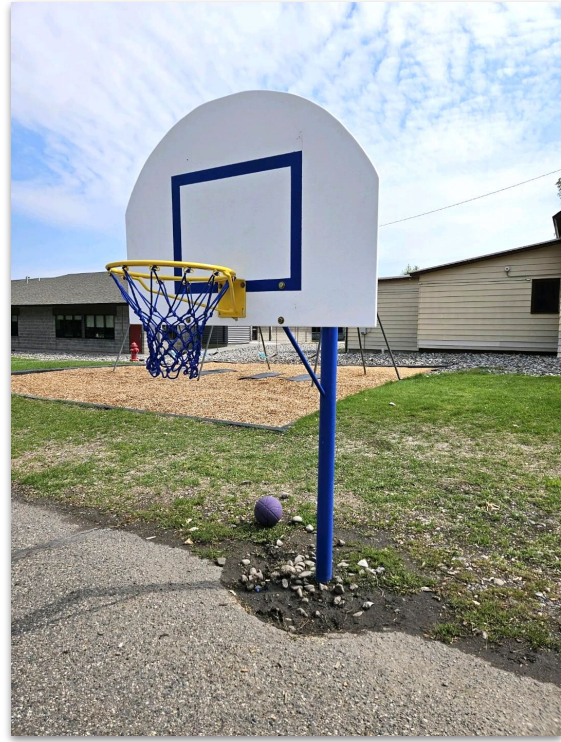
**Final touches before
School Open House**



50+ Volunteers Made Huge Progress



BEFORE



AFTER

Basketball Hoop Restoration



BEFORE



AFTER

Swing Set Restoration



New Swing Set Expansion - Jump Logs



Dance With Me



Floor Is Lava

New: Blacktop Games



Jump Ladder



**Creature Power
Discs**

New: Blacktop Games



Before



In Progress

Create Walkable Playground Access Path



Rocky Areas

SO MUCH WEEDING/TRIMMING!



**2nd Grade
Outdoor
Classroom**



New: Kindergarten Log Area

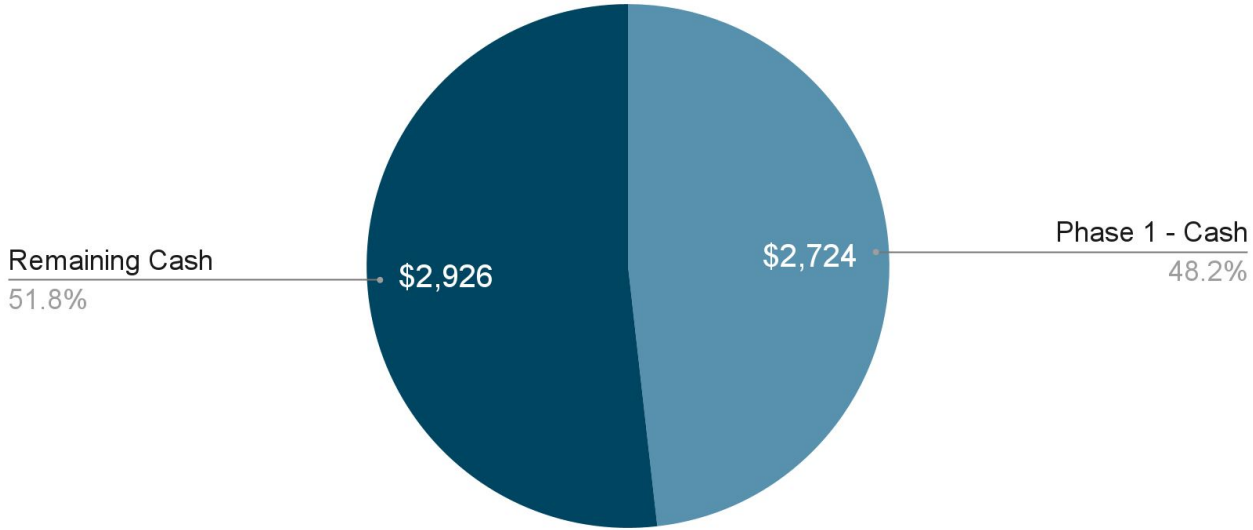


Rebark Merry Go Round



Elementary School Entry Restoration* (Not done)

Current Project Financial Situation



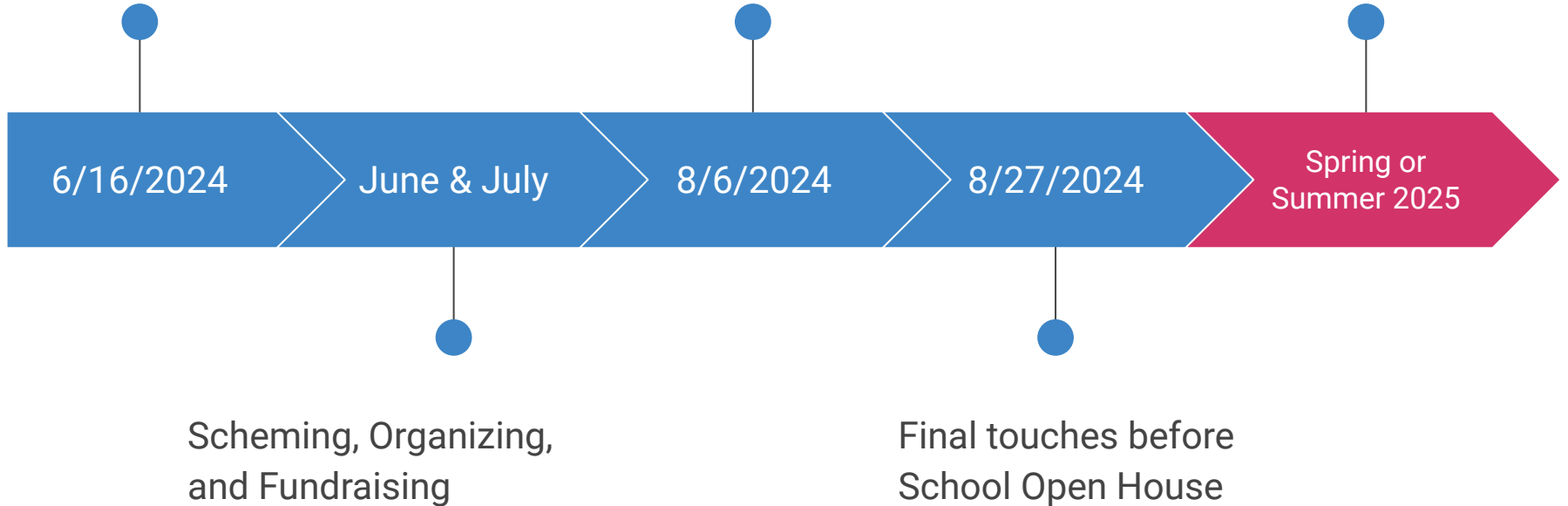
Next Steps

“0 slides to 700 students is the wrong ratio”

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Future Areas of Impact

Accessibility/Safety

Perimeter Fencing

Relocate benches

Accessible Swing

Paved Access Path

Restoration

Play field replacement

Track Pit relocation

Large Basketball Hoops

Southern Play Area

New Features

Climbing Wall Remodel
(into a fort?)

Natural-scape Play Hill
(with slides)

Murals/Painted Features

Perimeter Fencing

- Priority ask from school administration/staff
 - Keep kids off driveway and away from traffic on south end of playground
 - Prevent balls from going over the wood fence
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Relocate Benches



- Benches in play field are in the way of ball games
- Move existing benches to more appropriate location
- Repair broken board on bench

Accessible Swing Seat



- Ask from Co-Op and SPED staff
 - Currently no real accessibility-focused equipment on playground
 - Hopeful we can find a grant to fund this project area
 - Cost: \$800 to \$2,000
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Paved Access Path



- Phase 1 replaced rounded river rock with compacted angular gravel
- Phase 2 - Add top layer of asphalt millings and compact
- Low cost way to “pave” an area
- Goal is to increase playground accessibility

Play Field Replacement



Play fields have poor drainage and unhealthy grass (or no grass)

- Phase 1:
 - Created new field area by removing old Oodle Swing perimeter
 - Spread some extra bark mulch in muddy areas
 - Phase Next:
 - Option A: Restore grass/regrade
 - Option B: Replace with artificial surface
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Track Pit Relocation



- Pit is only used for track in the spring. All other track activities happen on the lower field by the bus barn
 - Pit covered with jagged metal panels are deteriorating
 - Rebuild jumping pit over by bus barn
 - Demolish the old pit and re-claim space for new feature
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Restore Large Basketball Hoops

- Phase 1
 - Replaced backboards and restored rims of the single-post hoops
 - Re-Painted all basketball hoop posts
 - Phase 2
 - Replace backboards on the “Large” basketball hoops
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Southern Play Area Restoration



- Clean out and re-bark the entire area
- Remove/restore railroad ties



Climbing Wall Remodel



THE PROBLEM

- We have 6* Climbing Wall surfaces
 - Not well utilized feature
 - Interior is off limits and becomes overgrown
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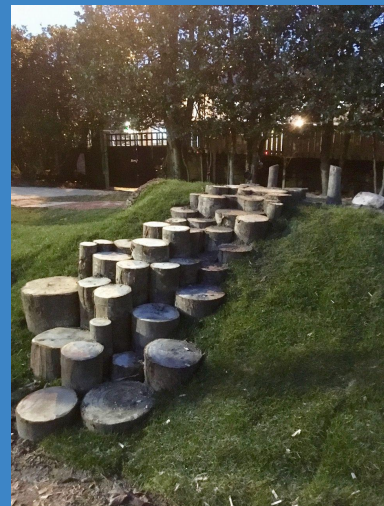
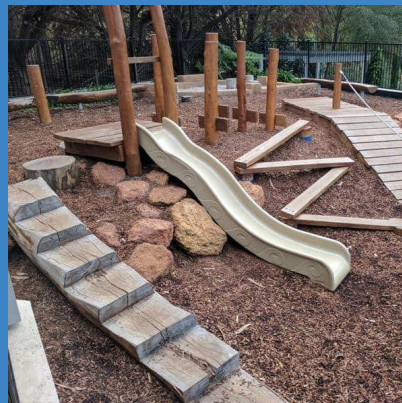
THE OPPORTUNITY

- Reconfigure and remodel the feature for greater utility
 - Keep 2 climbing walls
 - Turn interior into “Fort” with a raised floor by cutting two doorways
 - Turn 2 remaining exterior walls and interior walls into other features
 - Add roof? Add second story?
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Natural-scape Play Mound



- Add a brand new feature in the form of a natural-scape dirt hill
- In-ground slides?
- Embedded rocks and logs?
- Tunnel through the hill?



Painted Mural



- Paint mural and other features onto school walls
 - Paint Doors?
 - Paint Utility Box?
 - Goal: Bring some joy, and maybe some interactivity to the playground
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Other Ideas

- Finish installing gravel on school planter beds
 - Outdoor classroom rebarking
 - Wall Ball (build a wall)
 - Climbing Pole
 - More Logs/Stump Areas
 - Dedicated Kindergarten play area on north lawn
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What about the Middle School?

- Add more 4-square
- More seating/gathering areas
- Create leveled play field
- Utilize hills/terrain
- Fix drainage issues





Questions/Feedback?

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