



SUMMIT STREET SCHOOL NATURAL PLAYGROUND

Dear Summit Street Families:

Once again, the Summit Street School Playground Committee wishes to thank you all for your support and interest in Summit's new, natural playground project. Thanks to all of you, we have had another successful year of fundraising, and are now very close to having a final design plan. Below are some highlights and accomplishments we would like to share with you, as well as news about what is coming next and how to get involved.

Accomplishments:

- Held several fun and successful fundraising events-- thank you to Raj Chawla, The Swing Peepers, the Summit Faculty and Staff, and everyone who helped host and support these events!
- Hosted a site visit with Ron and Ethan King of The Natural Playgrounds Company to begin our design process
- Hosted a second community discussion night with a presentation by Ron King, President of the Natural Playgrounds Company in Concord, NH
- Began discussions with community groups about how to partner with them in designing and using our new playground
- Researched grant opportunities and began timeline for applications
- Raised an additional \$8000.00 for the playground !!!

Over the Summer:

- **Village Block Party, July 17** – we will have a table of project information and hopefully our new design plan; we will sell Summit ArtCards and NY Pizza coupons and take donations
- Possible fundraising event on the school grounds in July (maybe on Block Party day)
- **5 Corners Farmers' Market, August 18 & September 10** – we will be at the Community Table with our design plan and project information, and fundraising items
- Summit Art Cards and NY Pizza coupons available anytime by emailing Chris Catterton, vtcatt63@comcast.net or Tracey Williams, traceywilliamsvt@hotmail.com
- Gift Card Grab – If you have a large gift card order or would like to put together a group order over the summer, please contact Chris Catterton, vtcatt63@comcast.net, 879-3352

Highlights:

- The Summit Street Stars Staff Show !!**
- Fundraising Concert with the Swing Peepers**
- Portrait Fundraiser with Raj Chawla**
- 2 Summit Kids' Nights**
- Presentation by Ron King, Natural Playgrounds Comp.**
- Sunflower planting day with the students**

What's Coming Up

Fall-Winter-Spring 2010-11

- Fun playground projects with Summit Street students – including making garden stepping stones, weaving natural teepees, making fairy houses and villages
- Finalize design plan; complete EJ Planning Commission review process
- Apply for grants
- Solicit donations of materials (boulders, trees/greens, lumber, heavy equipment)
- Solicit proposals for construction
- Launch large scale fundraising campaign – invite EJ businesses to support our project

Spring – Summer 2011

Break ground on Phase 1 of construction (Phase 2 in Spring-Summer, 2012)

Where to Find Information about the Playground:

- Summit Street School website – <http://www.ccsuvt.org/summit>
- Summit PTO and Playground Committee meetings
- Playground fundraising events
- Talk to PTO and Playground Committee members or contact Chris Catterton, vtcatt63@comcast.net, 879-3352

How to Help :

- Attend committee meetings (watch for times/dates at the start of next school year)
- Attend or offer help with fundraising events
- Check the Summit website
- Share any ideas, concerns, talents or interests with the committee by emailing Chris Catterton, vtcatt3@comcast.net or summitgiftcard@gmail.com

**Thanks again to ALL of the Summit Street School Community for sharing your time, talents, interest and financial support!
Working together, we ARE
bringing our new playground to life for the benefit of our
children and community.**

**Sincerely,
The Summit Street School Playground Committee**