

June 2016
Newsletter

Moffat Creek Public School School Council



THANK YOU!

We have had a fantastic school year here at Moffat Creek – and while we look forward to another new year starting in September, we couldn't finish out this year without saying a big THANK YOU to all of our Moffat Creek students, families and staff!

Without the support and dedication of our many volunteers and our Moffat Creek community, we could not have provided the classroom resources, field trip subsidies, movie nights, ESQ Science Night, weekly pizza, monthly special lunches, a class set of chrome books, student celebrations, funding to finish the first Wetland natural play area, help to families and students in need or a tremendous Fun Fair to end the year! Thank you for giving so willingly of your time and resources to all of the students here at Moffat Creek.

We want to hear feedback from you about our year! What you enjoyed, what you didn't, what new ideas you might have for future school years. Please feel free to email School Council at moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com, and look for our online survey in September to complete, and help guide the focus and direction of School Council initiatives.

Have a safe and happy summer, and we will see you in September!

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Wednesday, Sept. 14th :**
Meet the Teacher BBQ
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21st:**
School Council Elections & First School Council Meeting
- **School Council Meetings:** We will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of every month 6:30 – 8:00 in the school library. All are welcome!
- **TBA in September:**
Official opening of our Adventure Wetland Learning Ground!



If you are going by the back of the school this August, you are likely to see a lot of activity as crews from various companies will be onsite installing the Adventure phase of the Moffat Creek Wetland Learning Grounds! There will be something for everyone – from our youngest to our oldest students.

We are installing:

- An outdoor armoustone classroom / ampitheater (thanks to a generous donation from TD Friends of the Environment)
- A giant log jam complete with climbing net and 6' slide to provide hours of fun & challenging routes for all kids

Wetland Learning Ground Update Cont'd

- A climbing wall and boulder scramble featuring different heights to test climbing skills
- Poles & stilts that provide endless opportunities for play
- Elevated play mounds and balance logs throughout for running, climbing and balancing
- Multiple benches and boulders throughout to just discover, hang out and watch



We are very excited to have selected Earthscape, an award-winning company, as our natural playground vendor. Take a look at earthscapeplay.ca to see some of the many other innovative play spaces they have created. We are so fortunate to have the financial support of the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation who has made all this possible much earlier than it would have been otherwise.

Our play elements will be joined together by accessible pathways and bridges which will also be ideal for your evening walk. And all will be covered by a lovely canopy of shade trees (partial funding provided by the Region of Waterloo and Evergreen) to provide a welcome refuge for our children in the heat of the day.

We will celebrate this milestone in Moffat Creek's short history with a grand opening in the fall. We couldn't take on this endeavour without every person who has contributed to any school council event, a pizza day, the purchase of a silent auction item, etc., so THANK YOU! Watch the fall newsletter for more details on our grand opening and for details of the first council meeting. We will be looking for new volunteers to tackle the next phase of our outdoor Learning Grounds - Discovery - for our Full Day Kindergarten students!

A special thank you goes out to our Wetland Learning Ground Committee Chairperson, Kristine Duench, on her superb leadership and dedicated work throughout this often trying 3 year process. Thank you!

