

Community Features

Westgate fundraising effort needs your help



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Mimi Jung from King 5 news is shown interviewing the students at the Westgate Playground. The story of the Westgate community raising money for a playground has garnered regional interest.

The Westgate community playground fundraising campaign is going well, according to group member Karen Wolfe-Fritz, but they still need help from the community to meet the \$90,000 goal, which has an end-of-May deadline.

The group wants to replace old, outdated and unsafe playground equipment at Westgate School.

They just held a Bingo/Silent Auction on Friday and raised \$7,500.

"Thank you to our Westgate parents and the community for all your support," Wolfe-Fritz said. "As of

today we are at \$70,000 of our \$90,000 goal, which we are working to reach by the end of May."

The group has a Spring Fundraising Campaign, which includes a number of innovative ways to raise money:

- Voting for the Westgate Elementary video in the national KaBoom contest. Westgate is currently in first place, but needs your vote.

The can earn up to \$5,000 for their playground equipment. It's easy and takes a minute to cast your vote. Please visit www.KaBoom.org or go to:

http://projects.kaboom.org/voting/elections/video_2010.

(Editors note - As of press time, Westgate had just moved into first place, but just barely. Westgate has 8,036 votes, a group from Wilmington, Ohio, has 7,888 votes, and another group from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has 7,792 votes.

Each person can vote once each day. Keep voting to help the Westgate community get new playground equipment.)

- A Community Pep Rally to kick-off a Westgate Walk is planned for Thursday, April 29. Fundraisers are inviting the community to come out to support their students, learn details about the new Westgate Playground and Community Park, and to walk with the students.

- A Wine Bar for Monkey Bars event is planned for Saturday, May 15. All are invited to join in on the wine tasting, dessert run and fund-an-item event. Watch their website for more details.

- Community members also can make a donation to Westgate Parent Staff Organization (Westgate PSO). Westgate PSO is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

Payments can be sent to the school address, 9601 220th Street SW, Edmonds, 98020 or on the PSO website:

<http://www.westgatepsso.org/donate>.



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