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To Family, Friends and Supporters of William D Pratt School.

William D Pratt School is finally getting a Playground space and we are excited that ground-breaking should begin this month! The school and the Fundraising Society have been hard at work over the last year planning the space that would best suit the needs of their students in grades 4-9, while also contributing a unique and accessible space for our Royal Oak and Rocky Ridge community. This project is in partnership with Parks Foundation Calgary, our school WD Pratt, and the William D Pratt Fundraising Society.

This project has an estimated cost of \$360,000 and the WDP Fundraising Society has worked hard in seeking the financial support to make it a reality. It has secured the generous support of Parks Foundation Calgary, the Calgary Flames Foundation and Alberta Education, but we have not quite achieved our goal. With your support we hope to raise the final \$10,000 needed to accomplish our goal. Every single dollar helps us get there and is an investment in the health and wellbeing of our community.

The school's playground space will include a multi-sport Court, allowing for tennis, pickleball, basketball and volleyball; also Gaga-ball pits, a Nine-Square game and bamboo climbing structures. It will also feature an outdoor classroom space to expand educational opportunities & support the building of community values, healthy collaboration & social interaction for all ages. We hope this space will be a hub for educational, sport and play opportunities, for our school, but also for our community as a whole. It is the goal to make a positive impact for the school and the community, contributing to overall well-being & positive community spirit! Our school's name-sake, William D Pratt, was a Maverick, who was a leader for many community projects with a lasting legacy...eg. Heritage Park, '88 Olympics, Calgary Stampede, to name a few. We strive to continue his "Maverick" spirit, supporting a vibrant, active community for years to come!

There are multiple ways to contribute to this project including:

1. Make an direct e-transfer to wdprattfundraising@gmail.com (*super simple, but unable to issue tax receipts*)
2. Make an Online donation at Parks Foundation Calgary: <https://www.parksfdn.com/donate-now> Select **School Projects**, then **William D Pratt Playground** from the Project Drop down menu.
**Tax Receipts available (online donations subject to 2% admin fee)*
3. Contribute to our online Education Matters Campaign. Money raised will be directed to the Playground or to other key areas within our school. <https://www.educationmatters.ca/project-matters/william-d-pratt>
**Tax receipts available. (subject to 3.5% admin fee)*

Thank you for your consideration to invest in this worthwhile initiative for our school and our community. We greatly appreciate your support in any way you are able! Please contact us with any questions or other ways you can support our project.

Warm Regards,

Your Playground Committee

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