



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## Lilypad Legacy Project Garden Creek Site Upgrade & Playground Improvement



As with other playgrounds in the ASDW, it is up to the school community, including the Home & School Association, parents, alumni, Creeker families, and friends in the community to put funding in place to make our playgrounds relevant, engaging, and accessible. ***The current drainage issues on our playground render the majority of the play area unusable for several months each school year and our playground equipment is in desperate need of a refresh.***

Over the years we've had many generous donations and volunteer hours put in to make improvements, and generally maintain the playground you see today. Expenditures for projects like these are large and even more so with rising material and supply costs. ***To break ground, we are asking the Garden Creek community, family, and friends to help us raise \$175,000 in donations.*** We are looking at all options for funding including grants and government contributions.

### Phase 1: Site Upgrade

We've known for a while that the playground is wet!

Last year, we kicked off the Lilypad Legacy Project. H&S funds were used to contract a site upgrade design which focused on improving the drainage on the field and surrounding playground.



***Current state:*** While we all know the benefits of kids playing in the mud, it is not practical during school hours!



***Future state:*** Well drained playground and field in all seasons to maximize usage.

### Why now?

Our school has struggled with drainage issues and equipment serviceability in our playground ***for decades***. The field is often reduced to ***conditions similar to a wetland*** and our aging playground ***equipment has degraded*** to the point that much of it is ***out of service or not functional***.

Garden Creek's playground has huge potential to be a space where, not only our students, but members of the community and surrounding areas can come to play and have a wonderful free space to gather. We have already invested in plans for improvement and now is the time to take action.



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### PHOTOS OF PLAYGROUND - SPRING 2022

**1. Current State:** April 29, 2022 - Entire field has been fully saturated and unusable for almost two months. Water is pooling across the entire area.



**2. Current State:** April 29, 2022 – Ducks swimming on field.



**3. Current State:** April 29, 2022 - Southwest corner adjacent to playground equipment







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### Phase 2: New and upgraded play structures & equipment



Our playground structures and equipment needs updating. The possibilities are endless...but playground equipment is expensive!

Garden Creek's playground was developed and installed when the design standards were very different than what is required today. ***We need to work towards retrofitting and augmenting what currently exists to modern accessibility standards, making it inclusive and removing physical barriers that some of our community may face.***

**Our ultimate goal:** To have a fully connected, engaging place for our community and school attendees to learn, grow, and develop their play skills. Imagine walking into a space that looks and feels inviting. A place where families, children, and community members choose to pass the time.

***This is our time to make this playground and space something that we are all proud of.*** Garden Creek School has a rich history and wonderful reputation as being community-driven, compassionate, and inclusive to all. Many of our parents/guardians are Creekers themselves! Now is our time to give back and support current and future Creeker generations. Be a part of the legacy!

***Please join us as we create a welcoming community and play space that is free for all those at Garden Creek and the surrounding community.***



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### BE A PART OF THE LILYPAD LEGACY PROJECT & DONATE NOW!

With \$15,000 already committed from the Garden Creek H&S Association, we are kicking-off fundraising with community donations. ***Our goal is to raise \$175,000 from our community, family, and friends.*** Help us get Phase 1 underway!

Once our initial target is reached, fundraising efforts will refocus on Phase 2 of the project and will include individual playground equipment pieces. Over the coming months, we will be working hard to finalize the design. ***Don't worry! Any unused funds raised for Phase 1 will roll directly through to Phase 2.***

#### DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

Plans are underway for a donor recognition wall for this upgrade project. Youth Fusion will be leading the project and it will include significant Garden Creek student involvement in the design. ***Donors will be recognized in a prominent location within the school grounds*** using a graded approach based on the following donor recognition levels:

#### ***DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS***

Recognition will be given in our project communications and your name or company name/logo will be included on our recognition area. Any donation will be gratefully accepted.

- **Dragonfly (\$1 to \$250)**
- **Water Lily (\$251 to \$1,000)**
- **Creeker Frog (\$1,001 to \$10,000)**
- **Ecosystem Builder (\$10,001 & up)**

***Note:*** ASDW will issue tax receipts for all donations over \$25. Your e-mail address is required for delivery of the tax receipt and a street address is a requirement of CRA.

***To make a donation to Garden Creek School in support of this project:***

- **Donate Online – [Garden Creek Elementary School Website](#)**

OR

- **Complete the following form**



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## LILYPAD LEGACY PROJECT DONOR FORM

Please submit this form by email to the Garden Creek School at [alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Note:** \* denotes mandatory field for a tax receipt or if you are paying by cheque

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\*First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Province: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Garden Creek School is enclosed.

**Note:** Cheques, made payable to "Garden Creek School" can be dropped off at Garden Creek School, during regular business hours, or pick-up can be arranged by emailing [alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca)

### RECOGNITION INFORMATION

Please provide name(s) to write on our project communications for recognition. (You can write "anonymous", but we think getting credit sounds more fun! Plus, it may encourage your friends to donate.)

Name(s) to include: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Note:** Please provide the text exactly as it should be displayed on the donor recognition space. Any forms returned without this information will likely result in an anonymous donation.