

Bethlehem Elementary School's main playground area has not seen any major improvements since its dedication in 1992.

A committee of staff, parents, and community members has been working with O'Brien and Sons Inc. to design a new playground that meets the needs of all students. This new playground will provide students with a host of new physical activities as well as many opportunities for imaginative play. It will include a number of slides, climbing structures, and even an area specifically designed for the preschool and kindergarten students. The playground is designed to be completed in three phases as the funds are raised.

The playground facility will not be funded by taxes; all funds will be raised through donations, grants and fundraisers. The goal is to raise \$150,000. To date (12/13/17), a total of \$33,106 has been raised.

The playground committee has planned many fundraising events for the upcoming year and was recently named one of Littleton Co-op's Partners of the Month (January, 2018). The BES NEST plans to continue their fundraising efforts with a goal of \$11,000-\$12,000. (For more information on BES NEST please visit [besnest.org](http://besnest.org).)

If you are interested in supporting the school with a tax-free donation, please send a check or money order directly to the school: Bethlehem Elementary School, 2297 Main Street, Bethlehem, NH, 03574.

