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THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

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BIRTLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS BES PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Have you considered making a donation to the Elementary school playground fundraising effort?

Birtle Elementary School would like to say a huge thank-you for the amazing support of the Birtle and District Foundation for their generous donation towards our playground fundraising efforts. The Foundation, its' members and donation contributors have shown great generosity and a caring spirit towards so many incredible organizations and projects within our community. Because of this, many wonderful programs and services can be made available to community members and children in our area.

Being a smaller school with limited funds, this at times makes it more difficult to initiate new projects that are much needed. Seeing support being put back into our community is refreshing and greatly appreciated by all. These kind contributions will have long lasting effects on the area and our children. Since our fundraising efforts started last Fall, we have raised close to \$18,000 in total to go towards our new playground dreams. As a K-4 school, our playground is at the heart of our establishment. When we look at how to best improve this space for our children, we must keep in mind how these changes have a positive impact not only for the physical well-being of our kids through play based learning and exercise, but also by helping develop their imaginations, social skills, and problem solving opportunities.

Our playground at Birtle Elementary is also at the heart of our community. Our children spend many



Foundation Board Member Susanne Burdett presents a grant to the Birtle Elementary students and Principal Lyndsay Kyle towards the Playground.

hours learning, becoming leaders and playing together here... not to mention all of the time outside of school hours in the evenings and during weekends; after baseball, soccer or hockey. It is the first thing people see when they come down the hill when entering our community. This welcoming sight is one way we can make a statement about what we believe in at BES and the values our community holds as seeing children as our future.

We would like to once again thank the Birtle and District Foundation for their contribution in helping us take one step closer to reaching our dreams of a new play area for the students of BES and all children in our community and surrounding area.