

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPARK PARK MARCH 2018 UPDATE

Walnut Bend Elementary School's SPARK PARK is a work in progress. We have partnered with the SPARK non-profit to design and install a lovely wheelchair accessible park for our students that will also be available to the community after hours and on weekends, as there are no other parks available in our surrounding area. It is meant to be family oriented so kids and adults can enjoy it together.

The designated area is small so we've been creative with the use of this space. At the present time the following is on order for the first phase of this park:

Components for a small soccer field

Multipurpose equipment structures for climbing and sliding.

Saucer swing

Gaga Pit

Obstacle course with electric timer

Artificial turf on the field and as the fall area under the equipment

Here's where we stand on the financing of the SPARK PARK. The SPARK non-profit with assistance from the Kinder Foundation and Houston Endowment awarded the school a grant of \$150,000, HISD provided financial assistance along with extensive site preparation and the school continues to actively raise the additional funds. To date we have over \$250,000 dollars but would like an additional \$10,000 to complete this first phase of the park.

It has been an ambitious undertaking during challenging times. This area was hard hit by Hurricane Harvey but area businesses and residents have helped with donations. Please get the word out to your friends and neighbors that we need their continued financial support and any size donation will be greatly appreciated.

Walnut Bend PTO and SPARK are both 501c3 organizations and your gift is tax deductible. A check can be made out to Walnut Bend PTO-SPARK and mailed to Principal Michele Dahlquist at Walnut Bend Elementary School 10620 Briar Forest Drive Houston 77042.