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Hello Parents,

Can you believe that we only have 9 more weeks of school left until summer? It seems like only yesterday that we were rushing around buying school supplies and trying to figure out what parts of our children's uniforms still fit from last year.

Your PTF has been working very hard to make some exciting things happen for the student body this school year, and I wanted to bring you up-to-date on all of the changes and updates. First and foremost, I need to let you know the status of the playground equipment that our students raised money for during last year's ThunderRun. When researching the safety and durability of the underlayment materials, we, as a committee, decided that it would be better for our students if we went with a rubberized material instead of the natural bark material that we had initially considered using. This raised our cost for the underlayment substantially. This does not mean that the new piece of playground equipment is not going to happen - it just means that we will need to use some of the money raised during this year's ThunderRun to make up the difference in the cost and accomplish our goal. We want to make sure that the playground is not only a fun place for the children, but also a safe place for them to play. Mr. Spice has worked with us during every step of this decision, and we cannot thank him enough for his insight and expertise. We are sorry for the delay, but we hope to have the new playground equipment operational as soon as possible.

We are also planning to begin work on painting the map of the United States as soon as the weather warms up. We hope this will be both a learning tool for our teachers as well as a fun place for children to play during recess. As soon as we have a date scheduled, we will send it out in the Tuesday Informer so that anyone who is interested in helping paint can come and join the party.

Last, but definitely not least, we have several positions that will be open on the PTF Committee for the next school year. If you are interested in serving your school, please contact Jennifer Sisson at (901) 489-7225 or at [sisson4@bellsouth.net](mailto:sisson4@bellsouth.net). The committee meets approximately once a month and each member is asked to chair one event per year. Some events require more time than others, but we are happy to work with your schedule. Being on the committee is extremely rewarding and it is a wonderful way to get to know other parents, the school staff, and importantly a great way to get to know your child's peers.

Thanks so much for supporting us throughout the year and please remember that the ThunderRun is April 1<sup>st</sup>. We always welcome volunteers and Dana Whitworth would love to hear from anyone that can help out. Her phone number is 734-3771.

Blessings to all!

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