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Opening Ceremony Scheduled for Altoona Fun Fitness Trail

In 2016, Altoona Elementary School was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Mayo Clinic Health System to fund the Four Seasons of Fun Fitness Trail.

Now, students, teachers, school officials, parents, volunteers and community members will come together to celebrate the grant funding and the significant work done when the ribbon is cut and the trail is officially opened on Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 pm.

The fitness trail runs adjacent to the Altoona Elementary School, located at 157 Bartlett Avenue on the eastern border of the City of Altoona. The trail features six fitness stations that will encourage outdoor activity for people of all ages.

This project provides opportunities for collaboration with students attending other district schools and with outside groups on an ongoing basis. For example, from the beginning, the project has partnered with the Chippewa Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, Clear Water District troops 30, 31, 34 and 175 to install and maintain benches and maintain the condition of the trail! And elementary students will have fall and spring clean-up duties to help maintain the trail.

Elementary principal, Tara Betlach, is looking forward to officially opening the trail. "We are excited to share the fitness trail with our students and our community - promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle! It's an opportunity to give back to the community and support wellness."

"We are proud to be a part of a project that enhances the health and wellness of not only students but of the community at large. This is a wonderful addition to Altoona and the school district that will benefit all for years to come," said Dr. Walsh, interim superintendent.



Volunteers working on Project last fall

Ribbon Cutting & Official Trail Opening is scheduled for June 6 at 1:30 pm.

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