“TailGator” Back-to-School Party & Fundraiser

Introduction to Education & Practicum (CIED 1001 &1002)
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Central Park Elementary School is in the process of adding playground equipment to their school yard.

Students from the Intro to Education Class at NWACC collaborated with the school in a fund raising project call, “TailGator.”

The school is located in Bentonville, AR and has an enrollment of 900 students, K-4.
Methodology

Our team..

- met weekly
- Shared responsibilities
- Collaborated with each other to complete the project proposal and final presentation
- Collaborated with school faculty and staff
Course Content Objectives

• To collaborate with others to achieve a common goal. For example, as a team, with faculty and staff of an area school and the broader community.

• To understand the role of schools in the community.

• To develop professionally from the experience.
Time Line

• **September 2, 2009** – Introduction to EMPACTS Project & EAST Lab by Dianne Phillips

• **September 3, 2009** – Establish Team, Brainstorm Project Ideas & Select Project

• **September 4, 2009** – Make Contact with necessary School Faculty and Community Members involved with Project

• **September 6, 2009** – Group Meeting to Create Project Proposal and Establish Division of Labor
Time Line Continue...

- **September 8, 2009** – Team Members Review Project Proposal and Notify Team Leader of any changes
- **September 9, 2009** – Gain Project Approval from Dr. Regina M. Ryel Thomason
- **September 16, 2009** – Team Building
- **September 25, 2009** – TailGator Fundraising
Project Overview

• A fundraising event was organized to help raise funds for playground equipment.

• The event engaged students, parents, teachers, and their families as a community.

• The PTO, Parent-Teacher Organization was given the opportunity to raise money for Phase 3 of the outdoor playground equipment project.
Community Benefits

• CPES students, faculty/staff, and family members to join together to celebrate the new school year and to meet, and socialize outside of the regular school day, and build school spirit.

• Students at CPES will have new playground equipment.
Community Benefits
The Event
TAILGATOR KICKOFF
Skills Achieved- Team and Individually

• Effective Communication
• Collaboration
• Respect
• Honesty
• Positive attitude
• Effort
Technology Used

• **Hardware:**
  – A computer
  – A printer
  – A digital camera

• **The software:**
  – Microsoft Word
  – Excel
  – PowerPoint

• **Other:**
  – Email
  – Flash drive
Community Contact

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• **Dianne Phillips** – East/EMPACTS Facilitator, NWACC

• **Dr. Regina Thomason** – Intro to Education Instructor

• **Amy Moua** – Project Photos

• **TJ Richardson** – Project Photos
What it is all about!