

Recess for All

Profile



The Inspiration

Recess at Marlborough's Intermediate School, in Marlborough, MA, had been frustrating for many students. There wasn't enough sporting and play gear, leaving students to fight over old jump ropes, basketballs, and kickballs.



The Idea

Fifth graders, Max, Sam, Elizabeth, Ashley, and Sherley were tired of not having enough play equipment. They decided more equipment would mean more fun, as well as promote team building and healthy bodies.

The Venture

The friends launched Recess for All in January 2009. They surveyed their peers to determine what the students would use the most. Two months later, they used their seed grant to go shopping for new equipment. They purchased kickballs, tennis balls, sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, bean bags, and storage equipment. The Team will continue to raise money through bake sales and yard sales and seek donations from local businesses to maintain and replace their gear for the future.

The Impact

Recess at Marlborough Intermediate school is much more active these days. Pounding jump ropes and pick-up basketball games are now a common scene during recess. The Team will continue to expand their Venture to younger students to make sure the equipment is taken care of after they leave. Recess for All was launched as a result of Youth Venture's partnership with United Way of Tri-County in Massachusetts.

