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After much back-and-forth, the grant was approved in early September, totalling \$15,000. GCIS provided \$5,500; GCIS PTSO provided \$4,500 and community donations total \$3,585. Additionally, the City of Greensburg donated approximately \$10,000 of rubber mulch.

The grand opening was held Thursday.

Administrative personnel, sponsors, and community members attended the event, including Superintendent of Green County Schools Will Hodges, Director of Finance Zachary Leftwich, Judge-executive John Frank, City Council members Julie Smyrichinsky and Jerry Cowherd, and more.

Attendees toured the new and improved playground, which features all-modern and sleek play equipment—a jungle gym, monkey bars, other climbing areas, new swings, basketball goals, volleyball net, benches and more.

The playground piece, called the Intensity, is designed to help with strength, balance and agility. The new equipment provides more students the opportunity to utilize the playground, addressing more areas of student interest.

"A few of our teachers are football coaches," Young said, referring to Mr. Jacob Davis and Mr. Seth Jones. "So we even have a miniature football field."

Additionally, there will be two outdoor classrooms. GCIS purchased lumber for the tables, which are being built by students at the Green County Area Technology Center.

A wi-fi extender has

been added to the area to make learning even more convenient while utilizing the outdoor space.

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"We would like to thank our community sponsors," Young said.

Sponsors include the City of Greensburg, Brad Posey Builders, Limestone Bank, Green County School Maintenance Department, GCIS Parent-Teacher Organization, Central Farmers Supply Company, Haydon Materials, Forcht Bank, Community Trust Bank and Green River Sealcoating and Stripping LLC.

Additionally, the principal said the effort was only successful with the help of several others.

"Many of our sponsors were financial contributors, but we also had several that contributed by providing excavating equipment to assist in preparing for the build and resurfacing of our playground," Young said. "Some of our local businesses also provided materials and monetary contributions to fund the remaining materials we needed to resurface our playground, create

an outdoor classroom and landscape the playground area."

Young said that seeing the smiles on students' faces made the project worth every minute.

"This project has created a whole new space for students to improve their physical health, build relationships with other students and take their classroom outdoors," Young said.

The students are elated with the new fun area to play in.

"All the kids love the new playground and so do I," Emilee Davenport said. "We were really excited when they started building it and we couldn't wait to see it finished. We would look out the window and watch them building. Now that it's finished and we can play on it, it's great."

Davenport, on behalf of all students at GCIS sends a special thanks to everyone who had a hand in this update.

"Thank you so much to everybody that helped make this happen for our school, we love our new playground," she said.

"We have lots more swings, two basketball goals instead of one, and my favorite part is we now have monkey bars!!"

And every child needs a shot at monkey bars.

GCIS Principal Donna Young discusses the new equipment and operations with Julie Smyrichinsky, Greensburg City Council member and Central Farmers Supply Marketing Director.



Chad Dixon and Billy Henderson, maintenance personnel, played a huge role in the construction of the playground. "We couldn't have done it without them," GCIS Principal Donna Young said.



Green County Intermediate School is proud to show off their new playground, thanks to a grant and help of the community. The approximate cost of the playground is over \$38,000.



The playground which features modern and sleek play equipment—a jungle gym, monkey bars, other climbing areas, new swings, basketball goals, volleyball net, benches and more.



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