



## Mesa charter receives new playground

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A Mesa charter school is one of two Valley schools that will receive new playgrounds Tuesday in a one-day labor of love by more than 700 volunteers from the schools, The Home Depot, organizers from the nonprofit organization KaBOOM! , and Career Success Schools, a district of charter schools.

### FUNDING FOR FUN

The 2,500-square-foot playgrounds at Destiny Community School in Mesa and Sage Elementary School in Phoenix, are funded primarily from Home Depot Foundation grants along with smaller contributions from the schools' parent organizations. As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, the Home Depot Foundation provides financial support, materials and thousands of associate volunteers for play space projects across North America

Each playground project is as health- and environment-friendly as possible by using recycled materials and donating any unused materials to other organizations. In addition, volunteers educate the children and communities who use each playground about the importance of its green aspects.

### DESTINY DETAILS

Destiny Community School is a charter committed to building character and cultivating a love for learning in all of its students, according to its mission statement. In operation since the late 1990s, the K-8 school includes close to 175 students.

### SAGE STATISTICS

Sage is a K-8 school of approximately 200 students in Phoenix. Class sizes are small and the school is part of the Career Success School District, which includes seven charter schools throughout the Valley.