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Play Matters!

On the cool, clear Saturday morning of September 21st, a swarm of eager volunteers poured onto the School 15 property, shovels, hammers and other assorted tools in hand, to create a new play space for the school's children. The new playground, provided by the non-profit KaBoom! Organization is the most recent in a series of such facilities installed around the district. Joining KaBOOM! personnel were volunteers from the Travelers Corporation, St. Paul's Community Development Corporation and of course, Paterson Public Schools. The team picked up their tools in the brisk morning air at approximately 8:30 and when the dust settled at 2:30 in the afternoon, a brightly colored, clean and safe play space had been created for the School 15 community.



This fall, KaBOOM! whose slogan, "Play Matters for all Children" will have installed their 3000th playground for schools around the country. As stated in their Mission and Vision statement, "We believe play matters for all kids, because all the science affirms that play is critical to a child's overall health, development and well-being." We couldn't agree more.

An Emphasis on Counseling at 24

School 24 held a very successful Back to School Night. They provided information for parents about the school itself, various classes, and in particular, counseling services. According to the school's counselor, Mayra Marin, "It's my goal this year to reach as many parents as possible and inform them about our counseling services. For counselors, it's important to engage parents. Uninvolved parents can make it much harder for us to help students reach their goals, especially if they don't become our allies supporting them at home." To start this year right, Ms. Marin set up a table by the main entrance where she greeted parents, gave them a brochure describing herself, what her role is and how she helps students and parent.



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