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# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Diana L. Mitchell., Ed.D., Superintendent

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## New Playground at Sandy Hill Elementary School Officially Opened

The serious business of play was on the agenda Friday, October 6, as the new playground at Sandy Hill Elementary School was officially opened. The playground, along with new curbing, sidewalks with ADA ramps, a new entryway, and a repaved parking lot, were improvements made over the summer school vacation thanks to funding from the State of Maryland supported by Ironman Maryland and further supplemented by fund-raising by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization.

Representatives from all three organizations received thanks from students as they joined those from Dorchester County Public Schools, civic officials, Ironman athletes, members of the Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce, and other well-wishers as the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, and Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students performed. Dwayne Abt, Director of Operations for DCPS, and Vaughn Evans, the school's principal, thanked those involved in ensuring the success of the project. Woody Freese, of the Ironman Foundation, spoke of the legacy Ironman seeks to leave behind in the communities in which its events take place.

The new Sandy Hill Elementary School playground is one of several projects DCPS has completed in recent years thanks to state grants further supported by Ironman.



*Principal Vaughn Evans of Sandy Hill cuts the ribbon opening Sandy Hill's new playground, aided by Del. Johnny Mautz, Woody Freese of the Ironman Foundation, and representatives of the school's PTO.*