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### **Eagle Scout Enhances Playground for Area Youth**

**Axton, VA,** - Carlisle School reopened this week to welcome students to campus. The independent college-preparatory school is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the campus features many new enhancements for the new and returning students.

One surprise was an expansion of the preschool playground by Will Twilla, an Eagle Scout. Fourteen-year-old Twilla is a former Carlisle Student who attended from preschool to 8th grade. He will be attending Morehead High School in Eden this fall to participate in their JROTC program. His sister Bay is a senior at Carlisle School this year.

Twilla chose the Carlisle preschool playground for his Eagle Scout project because of the happy memories that he had there as a youth. After assessing the needs of the playground, he decided to make the space more engaging and inviting by adding artificial turf, installing two sandboxes, and constructing a race track around the existing playground elements. Twilla worked with his mother Karol to design the layout of the space.

Twilla wanted the area to be easier to maintain, so he installed artificial turf that was recycled from the Carlisle baseball field. Installing the turf in this area resulted in an outdoor space that could be enjoyed year round with very little upkeep as mowing would no longer be necessary. The brightly colored sandboxes are also recycled from used tractor tires. Twilla's addition of the concrete race track is already a big hit with students who have been racing their cars around the figure eight loop.

Twilla spent three weeks working on the playground project that was completed just in time for the opening of school. According to Neal Meyer, Lower School Director, "Will is an astonishing young man who has given the school a gift that will give back for many years. Will is a true leader who is always willing to step up to the hard task in order to make a positive difference. His dedication to his school and community has made us all proud."