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Town receives hundreds of playground sketches *Students show creativity, innovation in playground drawings*

PROSPER (June 3, 2011) The Town's creative juices were flowing freely on May 31 as grade school students from the three elementary schools put pencils, pens and crayons to paper to draw up their version of the playground at Frontier Park, according to Town Manager Mike Land.

"We received about 1,800 drawings from students, an amazing amount, since this is the first time we've ever attempted to include students in this type of endeavor," he said.

Also submitted were hundreds of proposed names for the playground.

The winning name will be revealed at the Frontier Park Dedication Picnic on Saturday, June 11. The picnic, including live and recorded music, food, games, contests and other family-oriented activities, starts at 4 p.m. and concludes with a major fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

The design, however, will continue to be refined by Leathers and Associates, a playground constructing and contracting company that specializes in helping communities with what are known as Community Build Projects. The final design is scheduled to be disclosed at the end of summer.

Community Build Projects, similar in concept to the way Habitat for Humanity builds homes, allows the community to take full ownership of the playground by sponsoring fund-raising projects for the purchase of materials, and gathering volunteers to actually construct the playground.

Prosper's newly named Community Board will serve as the clearinghouse for the playground's fund-raising and construction.

"This is an exciting project, and we are just at the front end. Our hope is that the project unites us in building not only a playground, but also building a stronger community," said Land.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 10,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."