



# Deni Playground News



## 2nd Baseball Season Underway

The Deni Playground Whiz Kids second season of baseball is finally underway. The success of the first season at Deni Playground in over twenty years last summer has brought the teams back with many new members.

There are two tee-ball teams for children ages 5-8 and two baseball teams for children ages 9-12.

The teams play on Wednesday & Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. The competition is heating up and all the teams plan on giving it their all.

The Deni Playground Advisory Council is coaching the teams with the help of a

few parents. They are hoping that this second season will get the players ready to be more competitive next year and travel to other playgrounds for games. The Northeast Peanut League plays teams in the lower and greater NE sections of Philadelphia.

With one more season under their belts the Deni Whiz Kids will be ready to take their skills on the road. We wish them the best of luck on the rest of their season. Go Blue and Go Red!

\*The Deni Playground Advisory Council has been able

to let the children play free of charges and fees due to the generous Philadelphia Activities Grant given to them by former Councilman Daniel J. Savage. We are truly grateful for his support.



### Deni Playground Advisory Council

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#### Special points of interest:

- ① The 1950 Philadelphia Phillies were also known as the Whiz Kids.
- ② The Whiz Kids gave the Phillies the National League Title in 1950
- ③ The Philadelphia Phillies were originally called the Philadelphia Quakers.
- ④ Philadelphia Phillies Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn was a member of the Whiz Kids who won the pennant in 1950.
- ⑤ Deni Playground is named after the First Italian American Business Owner in Frankford.

## Deni's New Basketball Court

In the fall of 2007 construction began on new basketball courts and fencing surrounding Deni Playground. This was made possible by former Councilman Daniel J. Savage. Councilman Savage, now President

of the Deni Playground Advisory Council, brought much needed attention and repairs to the playground.

The finishing touches to the basketball courts have recently been completed. They include the painting of

the courts and new nets.

The Deni Playground Advisory Council will be sponsoring a basketball camp on the new courts this summer. More information on the camp will be coming shortly.



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The Deni Playground Advisory Council is dedicated to helping youth build self esteem and self confidence through organized sports and activities. The DPAC strives to educate and motivate each player to achieve their own individual level of success. Character development is stressed through teamwork and sportsmanship remembering that the primary goal is for the children to have fun. Coaches and volunteers will always conduct themselves as ethical role models focused on the welfare of the children of our community.

## The Positive Impact of Sports by: *Let Kids Play*

Involvement in sports is an integral part of child development and teaches children to lead active, healthy lives while developing many of the fundamental skills necessary for success.

Surveys have found that involvement in sports improves children's health, helps them make friends, improves their feelings about themselves, helps them succeed at school, and helps them become more active with their family.

Sports provides children with the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships. Participation in sports improves the development of peer relationships,

establishes the notion of trust and builds teamwork skills.

Sports challenges children to excel physically and mentally, and teaches valuable skills such as leadership, hard work and perseverance which translate beyond the playing field to all aspects of life, whether it be in the classroom, at work, or in the community.

The individual benefits of involving youth in sporting activities transcend into benefits for the community as a whole.

You can make a difference in your community and in the life of a child. Volunteer and get involved.

- *Let Kids Play is a Non Profit Organization*

