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Scout project benefits W.B. Goodwin

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North Charleston, S.C. – William Johnson, son of Melanie Johnson, the school librarian at W.B. Goodwin Elementary School, completed his Eagle Scout badge by building a Gaga Ball pit (similar to dodgeball) as well as making other improvements around the school playground.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the boy scouts. Johnson is a member of Troop 11 in Mount Pleasant. To obtain Eagle rank, a scout is required to complete a service project.

Johnson was in Kindergarten when his mom started working at Goodwin. He has grown up visiting the school and wanted to do something to benefit the students there.

Johnson chose to build a Gaga Ball pit and a new playground bench for teachers. The lumber used to build the pit was donated by Guy C Lee Building Materials. The project took the better part of a day and a team of seven volunteer scouts with three dads to get the job done. They also repainted the existing picnic tables.

"I knew the playground could use more equipment and I knew Gaga is a game that all of the students would enjoy," said Johnson. "My mom also told me the teachers needed a place to sit to watch over the students while they play."

Principal Natasha Jones, was thrilled with the work.

"I am so pleased William thought of our students and used his project to better our school," said Jones. "We know the improvements will be enjoyed by our students and teachers for years to come!"

"My son has worked hard over the years to achieve the rank of Eagle and I was so excited when he told me he wanted to do something for my school," his mother Melanie added. "It means so much to me."

The Gaga Ball pit was well received by students.

"It is so much fun," said fourth grader Semaj Bolds. "We were all excited to have new equipment to play with. This game is great!"

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