

Renovations Underway for the KDS Baseball and Softball Fields

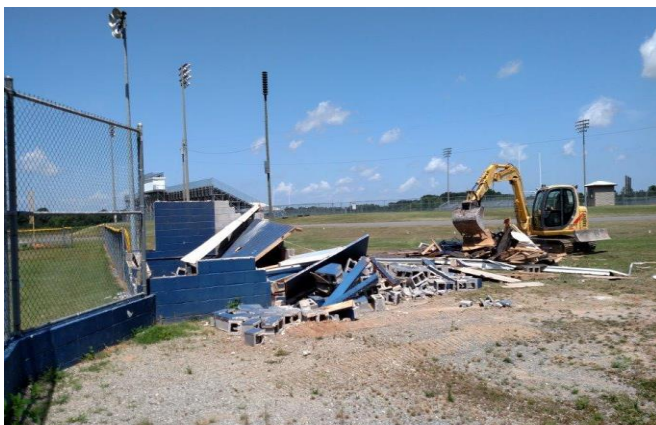
After years of use and exposure, the baseball and softball fields at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School are in dire need of renovation. The baseball field, in particular, has critical drainage issues, causing numerous missed games each season. The dugouts are old and outdated and will be replaced; the field size is not in compliance with current regulations and will be reconfigured; home and visitor bull pens will be added; and the addition of backstops, lighting, and new seating areas are needed. After the completion of the project, both fields will be modern, low maintenance, and in full compliance with Alabama High School Athletic Association standards.

The softball field portion of the project is being taken on by Florida State Society DAR as a Regent's Project of Ginger Poffenberger, but sponsorships are needed to complete the necessary work on the baseball field.

In order to have the fields ready for play during the upcoming season, demolition on the current fields began in late June. Work will continue throughout 2015 and most of 2016, and the field dedication ceremony is planned for October 2016 during the NSDAR National Bus Tour.



In addition to the work done by the maintenance crew, these young members of the KDS baseball and softball teams enjoyed taking part in the demolition.



Even KDS Executive Director Heather Green took a sledge hammer to the demolition of the dug outs.

Sponsorships and a limited number of naming opportunities to accommodate all levels of giving are available. A campaign gift pledge of \$500 or more will place donors' names on The Donor Wall. The Donor Wall will be located on the back of the fixed seating installation at the baseball and softball fields to serve as a permanent reminder of the donors' support of this project. Donations of \$150-\$499 will place donors' names on engraved brick pavers that will be located on the seating area patio. All campaign contributions are 100% tax deductible, and pledges are welcome.

Won't you ***Step Up to the Plate*** for our KiDS?

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To learn more about the project and available sponsorship opportunities, call 256-728-4236 to contact KDS Executive Director Heather Green (hgreen@nehp.net) or Development Director Beth Cagle (bcagle@nehp.net).