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Dedication Highlights Innovative Playground Design

More than 230 students from Holland Elementary will participate in a progressive dedication tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, as part of the week-long events for the grand opening of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Avenue.

The dedication will include a new NatureGrounds playground, which incorporates innovative playground equipment designed in a nature setting. The playground is immediately to the northeast of the Botanical Center’s parking lot. The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is partnering with PlayCore, a world-wide leader in playground equipment, as one of its national test sites.

The second element of the dedication is the unveiling of the Metamorphosis of Monarch Butterfly interactive sculpture, showing the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly. The play element is positioned adjacent to the Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House.

Lastly, interactive tree sculptures, called Trail Pods, will be introduced to the community. The play features have been installed in several places along the nationally recognized South Creek Trail, which runs through Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. The features are nestled amongst other live trees and also will be used as test sites for Playcore.

National speakers taking part in the “Convergence of Nature and Play” symposium, along with National Recreation and Park Association CEO Barbara Tulipane and PlayCore President and CEO Bob Farnsworth will be a part of the progressive dedication ceremony.

The events continue all week long as part of the grand opening of the Botanical Center. Trout Fishing in America perform a family concert tonight at 5:30 p.m. on the Rooftop Plaza and a kids concert tomorrow night at 4 p.m. on the Great Lawn. For a full list of activities, visit www.BotanicalCenter.org.

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