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Get set and go!! This group of students from Stone School are all set to take off for the first-ever Carol Nilles Memorial Fun Run to raise funds for an outdoor classroom. The run, held Saturday, June 5, is named in memorial of a long-time favorite teacher at Stone who lost her battle with cancer last year.

Stone School raises funds for outdoor classroom

ADDISON — Stone School staff members have been busy making plans and generating support for the creation of an outdoor classroom which will serve to honor the memory of teacher Carol Nilles and will be dedicated to all Educators of Excellence.

Carol, who passed away last year after a long battle with cancer, was a Stone School teacher who had also served as the president of the Addison Teachers Association. She had a positive impact on countless students and teachers, who respected her for her strength, leadership and devotion to educational excellence.

The outdoor classroom will be located on Stone School grounds, and will include in-ground picnic tables for stu-

dents, a podium for teacher materials and landscaping to border the area. Staff members foresee this outdoor classroom as a space that can be utilized by community members and classrooms from other schools, as well as by the Stone students.

In order to fund this project, committee members have planned two fundraising events to generate community support for the outdoor classroom. The first event was the Carol Nilles Memorial Fun Run held Saturday, June 5 with a 3K run and a 1K walk.

A second fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, October 16. A 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' Island Party will be an evening event for adults that will include food, drinks,

live music and silent and live auctions. The committee is encouraging District 4 community members to gather their friends and plan on an evening of fun. More details will be available later this summer.

The outdoor classroom will not be built until all funds have been raised for the project. Stone School Student Council, Stone School PTA and the District 4 Educational Foundation have already contributed to the project and committee members are hoping their fundraising events will generate all the funding needed to build this practical and lasting memorial to Carol Nilles and to all educators who dedicate themselves to building strong futures for children.