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### Streamwood Park District Once Again Partners with Alignment Collaborative for Education

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Attendees from Poplar Creek Library, Streamwood Police Department, Streamwood Park District, Alignment Collaborative for Education, School District U-46 pose for a group photo.

On Tuesday, June 8, members of the Streamwood Park District joined forces with Alignment Collaborative for Education for Learning On the Go.

After the success of the inaugural program in 2020, which was held at Kiddie Corner Park, 2021's edition was moved to a larger, more drive-up friendly location at Parkwood Elementary in Hanover Park.

Children between the ages of 0-5 and their parents are invited to join the weekly event for story time and a parent/child activity. A free grab-n-go lunch, sponsored by School District U-46, will be provided for the children. Learning on the Go takes place every Tuesday from June 8 through July 27 between 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm. Parkwood Elementary is located at 2150 Laurel Avenue in Hanover Park.

On June 8, 98 boxes of food, equivalent to feeding 490 children, were distributed. 35 children are participating in the summer reading program.

Nancy Coleman of Alignment Collaborative for Education said, "So glad to kick off Learning on the Go at Parkwood Elementary School in Hanover Park. With the partnership of the Streamwood Park District, School District U-46, Elgin Partnership for Early Learning, Streamwood Police Department, and Poplar Creek Library, the community has come together to serve a purpose that aligns with each of their missions."

"What a fantastic day to start off the Summer Reading Program. The Alignment Collaborative for Education, School District U-46, Poplar Creek Library, and the Streamwood Police Department help prepare our children to succeed. The number of families and children who participated in the educational activities at Parkwood Elementary School today exceed my first

week's expectations. It is great to see people out and kids learning through play.", Streamwood Park District Executive Director Jeff Janda.

Lisa Fabris, Children Services Assistant Manager at Poplar Creek Library said, "It is great to see so many community agencies come together during the summer to encourage families to learn together, read together, and have fun together."

"Today was special because you got to interact with the kids instead of just dropping off a box of food and a few books like we did last year. I hope we can do even more after we enter into Phase 5." - Streamwood Park District Park Board Commissioner Bill Wright.

Recreation Manager Cindy Babicz said, "The term "It takes a Village" is what today is all about. Working with and seeing so many organizations come together for the betterment of our community and our children is what makes me love what I do."

For more information on the Learning On the Go program, please contact Alignment Collaborative for Education Executive Director Nancy Coleman at 224.227.7534 or [colemannace@align4edu.org](mailto:colemannace@align4edu.org).