



Fact Sheet:
The Julia Reimann Field
Ainsworth Elementary School
Field Dedication - Sept. 2, 2009
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With this field, the local community has come together to celebrate the life of former Ainsworth Elementary School student, Julia Reimann. On August 4th, 2008, 10-year-old Julia and her two cousins died when a single-engine plane crashed into the Gearhart, Oregon house their families were vacationing in.

A few salient facts:

- Ainsworth has not had a blade of grass for over 40 years.
- In under a year, the community raised over \$350,000 in cash and in-kind contributions from some 250-300 donors for the field project.
- The field is 100' by 130' with 13,000 SF of turf.
- The field is the first of its kind utilizing Nike Grind (see details below).
- Portland's city bureaus (e.g. Development Services, Water, Environmental Services) have been extremely helpful in expediting the field by waiving fees and supporting the aggressive timeline.
- The building permit was granted in April 2009.
- As part of the project, the entire adjacent non-field area has been resurfaced with a fresh coat of blacktop and new striping.
- The logo in the center of the field was originally designed by Julia's soccer team as a patch players wore for the 2008-2009 soccer season. It features the number 45 – her soccer jersey number – and a red star, which is from a sweatshirt she wore to every practice.
- The hard work, dedication and donations supplied by Robinson Construction and CARDNO-WRG were critical for completing the project.



Nike Grind facts:

- Using cutting-edge technology developed by Nike engineers, athletic shoes – collected through Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe program – along with footwear manufacturing byproducts are recycled into a material known as Nike Grind. This material is then used by leading surface partners (in this case, Sprinturf) to create sports and play surfacing.
- This is the **first-ever synthetic turf field to use Nike Grind Rubber for 100% of the rubber infill**, substituting for what would typically be tire rubber or virgin rubber materials.
- The field uses an “Ultrablade MM” Synthetic Turf System, incorporating 22 tons of pre-consumer Nike Grind Rubber – refined rubber remnants derived from the shoe manufacturing process. The turf fiber uses a blend of “lawn green” and “rye green” colored fibers for a more grass-like appearance. *(FYI, the 22 tons of pre-consumer Nike Grind material equates to the waste generated from the manufacture of approximately 640,000 pairs of athletic shoes.)*
- Nike Grind is a highly desirable recycled material because it is identical to the “first generation” raw materials used in manufacturing synthetic sports surfaces and because it is born from the athlete’s own equipment.

Since the inception of Nike’s Reuse-a Shoe program in 1990, more than 23 million pairs of shoes and more than 30,000 tons of manufacturing scrap have been rescued from landfills and reborn into play surfaces around the world.

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