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MEDIA RELEASE

RES Celebrates Earth Day

Radnor Elementary School's second graders celebrated Earth Day in a big way Wednesday, April 22, by helping to work on the installation of a bird garden and outdoor classroom at the school. Radnor Conservancy, the Audubon Society, parents, teachers and students joined together to prepare the ground and plant shrubs.

The Radnor Educational Foundation gave a grant of \$3,000 toward this project.

The students and the others were able to do this work to the sound of Earth Day windbells, which hang on the trees outside the school. This is the fourth year that the windbells have been on display; they are a symbol of environmental awareness, reminding listeners to practice the three R's (reuse, reduce, recycle). Every second-grade student made a clay windbell and learned about Paolo Soleri's Arcosanti, where the windbell concept originates. The world-famous Soleri windbells are a major Arizona attraction and signature item for Arcosanti, an alternative eco-urban community conceived by Soleri.



Meanwhile, inside Radnor Elementary, "What I Wish for the World" drawings are on display. Google held a national contest with that theme, called Doodle 4 Google. More than 40 RES students participated, then the six allowable entries, representing grades 1-5, were selected and sent to Google.



Caption:

It takes a village to make an outdoor classroom (front row, left to right): RES students Daniel Dutkowski, John Williams, Molly Crawford and Cara Camposano. Back row: Betsy Robinson (parent), Bonnie Steele (RES teacher), Steve Saffier (Audubon Society), Marie Bare (RES teacher), Terry Borden (RES principal), Ginny Kreitler (Radnor Conservancy).