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VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY BY PLANTING TREES

Ashwaubenon, WI – April 28, 2010 – On April 26th, fifty-two fifth grade students at Ashwaubenon's Valley View Elementary School helped plant four trees in the front of the school in celebration of Arbor Day. A proclamation by Michael Aubinger, Ashwaubenon Village President, declaring April 30th as Arbor Day in The Village of Ashwaubenon, was read aloud by students in Sharon Brecklin's classroom. The fifty-two students then took turns shoveling dirt to plant the trees.

Over the last four years, the community and school have been working together to plant new trees to replacement old crab apple trees located in the front of Valley View Elementary. Last year four crab apple trees were planted, and this year the remaining four replacement trees were planted by the students. The tree planting activity was made possible by a joint effort between Tim Bauchnect, Ashwaubenon Village Forester, Kurt Weyers, Valley View Principal, Mike Beno, Ashwaubenon School District Buildings & Ground Coordinator and Mrs. Brecklin.

According to Mrs. Brecklin, "The students agreed that the tree planting was a great activity. They realize the importance of having trees in our environment and took pride in being part of this contribution. They were also happy to plant these trees knowing that the trees will beautify the front of their school for many years to come."

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