



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Buena Regional High School
ACTIVITY: Earth Day Outdoor Classroom
DATE(S): Earth Day
CATEGORY: Service
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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Every year on earth day the student council members of BRHS do an outdoor project. For the past couple of years it has been the outdoor classroom. On Earth Day we come to school with rakes, plastic bags, and our outdoor work attire and clean the agricultural outdoor classroom.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

This project was first brought up at our January student council meeting when someone noted that there was an outdoor area with benches that had been unoccupied due to trash and debris. We then came up with the idea that our student council could renovate the area for Earth Day and make use of it for various purposes.

1. We had to ask administration if we were able to work outside of the school building.
2. Where are we going to get the supplies from? At our next meeting we decided that each class had to bring an item in order to make this project a success.
3. Once those two topics were settled, we had all of the members involved come straight to the auditorium in the morning for attendance. Then we went outside and began to rake, pick up trash, and move branches.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

This project was an awesome accomplishment to my school. Now the agricultural department and other classes are able to have a class outside on a nice day instead of being cooped up in the building. Also students now have a place to sit outside if they are waiting for a ride, want to go outside and do homework, or waiting for a sports game to start.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

Our goal in doing this project was to

1. Clean up the grounds of our school.
2. Create a place where teachers and students can teach and learn while enjoying the outdoor environment.
3. Contribute more to Earth Day than just posting fliers and wearing green.

Looking back on this project there aren't many things we would change. One change for this year will be checking to make sure that the people helping and missing school are involved in more student council activities that don't involve missing classes.