



Lowe's donates labor, materials for project at Garden City Elementary



Students at Garden City Elementary are enjoying some new additions to the school's two portable classrooms.

The Lowe's store at 10th Street and I-465 in Wayne Township has donated more than \$5,000 in labor and materials to build outdoor learning decks for the two classrooms, along with a new ramp for one of them.

The school has added the two portable classrooms to accommodate growing enrollment over the past several years. Principal Pam Hardy says the 50 students who use those classrooms are thrilled with the new decks.

"I'm so excited for the kids to have this outdoor learning space," she said.

The project is part of a program called Lowe's Heroes. The program, started more than 10 years ago, encourages store employees to team together, adopt a volunteer project, and "make a difference."

The Garden City project received other support as well. Wayne Township Trustee Andy Harris made a personal donation of \$1,000 and came to the school to work on the project. Wayne Township Fire Department personnel were on hand, along with members of a Ben Davis High School parent group called the BD Dads.

"This is the fun part of my job," said Bill Morrissey, manager of the Lowe's store at 10th and I-465. "It's awesome."

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