

Lake Park students rename Panther Park

ADDISON — Friday, May 13 was a lucky day for the students of Lake Park Elementary School. Not only did the students have a scheduled half day of school, but they also participated in an outdoor assembly for the unveiling of “Panther Park.”

The 2.7 acre park site adjacent to their school, formerly known as Lake Manor North Park, features a playground, baseball field and basketball court for the students to enjoy during recess and outside of school hours.

The students of Lake Park Elementary School in Addison submitted numerous entries for a Name-the-Park contest. The resulting name was to represent the students and their school. Several creative entries were received as a result of this joint

venture between the school and the Addison Park District.

“With the proximity of the park and playground to the school it was fitting for the students to be actively involved in renaming the park,” stated Mark McKinnon, Executive Director of the Addison Park District. “We are proud to recognize 1st grade student Dylan Cummens and 5th grade student Celeste Rivera for collaborating on the winning name for the park. Panther Park indicates great school-spirit as panthers are the school’s mascot.”

For more information on parks located in your neighborhood, check out the Park District’s new interactive parks map at www.addisonparks.org.



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Lake Park students take pride...

Lake Park Elementary students Dylan Cummens, standing to the left of the sign, and Celeste Rivera, standing immediately to the right of the sign, were honored as contest winners to unveil the new park sign at an outdoor assembly on Friday, May 13.

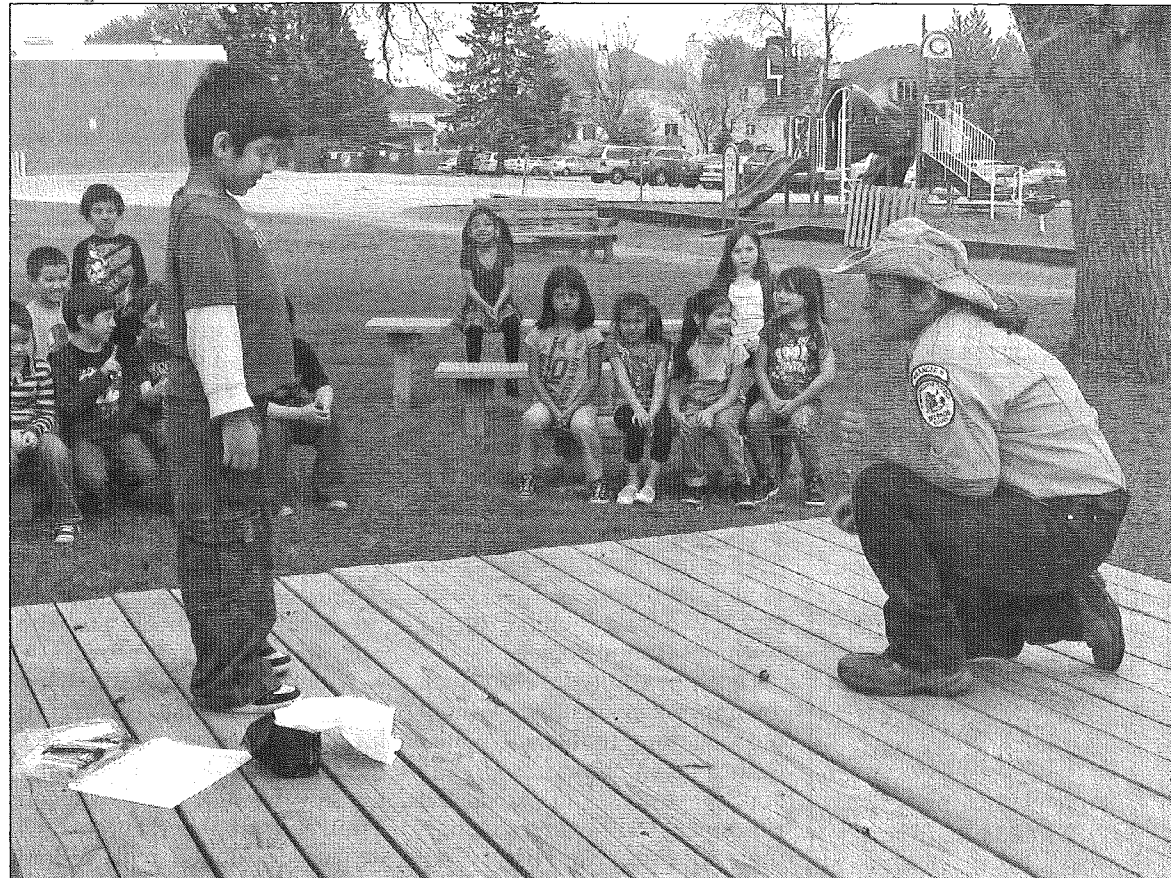
Ardmore first grade learns 'Life of a Log'

The first graders in Kevin Bigenwald's class at Ardmore School enjoyed a visit from DuPage County Forest Preserve Senior Ranger Cori Chambers last week. Chambers presented a program "The Life of a Log" which she designed to help connect kids with the natural world. The program began with a nature talk and a PowerPoint story of the life

cycle of a tree—as it goes from acorn, to sapling, to mature tree, to aging tree, to a fallen log, and back into the earth, all the while being visited by so many visitors that depend on it. Students then moved outdoors where they acted out the story with students playing various parts—including the tree, wind, sun, rain, woodpeckers.



Students had the opportunity to examine a fallen log and containers of soil with magnifying glasses, to find any worms and insects that might be living there.



Ranger Chambers with a student who will act out the part of the tree.

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