

Dublin school spruces up

Local developer and construction company donate time, materials

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Kevin Baker of Pinn Bros. (left to right), Jim White of East Bay Construction, Bill Ayers of East Bay Construction, Principal Kathy Rosselle of Wells Middle School in Dublin and Dale Garren of Pinn Bros. admire the new landscaping at the campus on Thursday.

DUBLIN - The Wells Middle School campus is looking a bit more polished - thanks to a local developer and construction company.

When Wells' community liaison Cindy Leung noticed students trampling through an uneven dirt area near the front of campus, she was looking for some more dirt to even it out.

Leung saw "a whole city block of dirt" at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty Road where home developer Pinn Bros. is building "The Shops at Tralee" multiuse complex.

So she called Dale Garren, Pinn Bros. vice president, and he offered to help her with more than just dirt.

Pinn Bros., along with East Bay Construction, came to the school and completely re-landscaped portions that needed sprucing up.

"It's a chance for us to give back to the community," Garren said.

He and other representatives from Pinn Bros. and East Bay Construction walked the Wells campus Thursday morning to admire the work completed earlier this month.

Lush new grass covers the once-messy dirt area. Fresh mulch surrounds trees and plants. Small solar lights pop out of the ground to light a path after dark.

When crews asked school staff if there was anything else they could do, the school's maintenance worker said it would be nice to have a path to use when putting up and taking down the flag each day so he didn't have to walk in muddy grass during the rainy season.

Sure enough, construction workers added a path made of crushed granite leading to the flag. They also put one in to replace an oft-walked upon area of grass.

"You take care of the little things, and the big things fall right into place," said Jim White, foreman with East Bay Construction. Wells Principal Kathy Rosselle said the improvements not only make the campus look better but students feel the community cares about their school.

"When the campus looks clean and respectful, it raises the bar, and students are more respectful," she said.

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