



## Supporting Students on Earth Day

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### Republic Services donates “Buddy Bench” to Orendorf Elementary School

**YORK, Pa. (May 1, 2024)** – Our entire team is committed to volunteering and donating time and resources in the communities where they live and work — and collaborating with our partners when they want to get something done!

That’s what happened recently at Manchester-based Orendorf Elementary School in the Northeastern York School District. Students there had a goal to collect 1,000 pieces of #2 HDPE plastic containers (milk jugs, water bottles, etc.) by Earth Day, April 22.



Collection of the material would offset the cost of a special “Buddy Bench” they wanted to place on the playground. The bench is for children to sit on when they feel lonely or need a friend. Not only does the bench foster inclusion and reduce loneliness, but it also helps to promote sustainability in schools through efforts like this one.

When the school’s parent-teacher organization reached out to Republic Services’ local division, which includes Modern Landfill, we were happy to support the effort.

Within just a few weeks, the students collected well over the 1,000 pieces they needed. To celebrate their hard work, Republic Services and Modern Landfill sponsored an Earth Day event that included goodie bags, a “Touch a Truck” event and [the donation of a second “Buddy Bench” to the school \(pictured\)](#).

We are proud of the relationship we have built with our neighbors — and we were so happy to see more than 380 students excited about recycling and ecstatic about setting a goal and surpassing it.

Congratulations to everyone at Clarence Orendorf Elementary School!

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