School Recycling Day Spurred by Recycled Glass Floor

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Students at Carolyn G. Bukhair Elementary in Dallas will celebrate Texas Recycles Day, November 15, with the company that installed their school's recycled glass Terrazzo floors. EnviroGLAS® Products Inc. is coordinating the school's recycling day events, including an assembly, recycling drive, letter writing effort, recycling pledge cards, and lessons that use recycling subject matter.

Students will also learn about their school's recycled glass floor and where the glass came from. It was just two years ago that EnviroGLAS president Tim Whaley hit upon the idea of recycled glass Terrazzo, after reading a news story about a glut of recycled glass in the City of Plano. Whaley worked with an established Terrazzo company to donate the first EnviroGLAS® Terrazzo floor to the City of Plano's Public Works Building.

Glass from several North Texas recycling programs now can be found in public buildings throughout the area, the latest recipient being Richardson ISD's Bukhair Elementary. Students will also learn that the use of local glass not only saves space in local landfills, but also conserves energy used in transporting and marble mining. They already know that ecologically sound Terrazzo can be beautiful – the Richardson ISD school's floors are vivid blue, mustard, jade, and several shades of beige. School district values of 'fairness,' 'patriotism,' 'honesty' and others are spelled out in stainless steel insets in the main entrance and hallway, and are repeated in a hanging mobile over the front desk.

Event participants include the Greensheet Foundation, DFW Green Alliance and the Recycling Alliance of Texas. The celebration is a part of America Recycles 2004's recycling awareness campaign, an annual event in which millions of people have become better informed about the advantages of recycling at home and buying recycled products. Bukhair Elementary School is located at 3900 Maham Rd., Dallas, TX 75240, just south of Spring Valley and east of Coit Road.

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