



A volunteer and organizer for the 14th Annual Energy Days event which was held from March 22-24 at the Bartlesville Community Center, Judy Yang Logan works with students on Tuesday at the Rock Lab station. Energy Days is a hands-on event which allows fifth graders from throughout the area an opportunity to learn about science in a fun environment. Students from 19 schools took part in this year's event, including all seven elementary schools from the Bartlesville Public School District.



Science comes to life for area fifth graders at annual Energy Days event

A three-day program which attracted approximately 950 fifth grade students to the Bartlesville Community Center, the 14th Annual Energy Days event concluded this week.

A hands-on event which allows fifth graders from throughout the area – including those from each of the seven elementary schools throughout the Bartlesville Public School District – an opportunity to learn more about science in a fun environment, Energy Days spanned from Tuesday through Thursday.

Classes from the 19 schools which took part in the event were able to spend two hours rotating through the 10 stations that were set up in the Bartlesville Community Center. The stations included Petroleum Scavenger Hunt, Science of the Underground, Tools of the Trade, When Oil Meets Water, Your Petroleum IQ, Petroleum Mix & Match, Rock Lab, Climate & Energy, Hot Spots, and Alternate Energy.

An estimated 260 volunteers helped Energy Days – which is offered free of charge to the schools – run smoothly.

“Everything went very well,” said Becky Hoover, a former educator who serves as the Energy Days director.

“The reaction we receive from teachers and students is always very positive. They are thankful that we continue to hold Energy Days every year.”

Plans are already afoot for next year’s program, which is typically held during the week before or after spring break.

Hoover helped to create Energy Days after retiring from the BPSD, where she served 16 years as a teacher and science specialist. She has directed Energy Days since its debut in 1997 as part of the Oklahoma Energy Centennial in Bartlesville. The initial program proved so popular that Hoover decided to fashion it into an annual event.

ConocoPhillips serves as the primary sponsor of Energy Days and many of the event’s volunteers are current and retired employees. Other program sponsors include Bartlesville AIChE, David L. Greene Inc., the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, and Joshi Technologies International Inc.