

Sprucing up the school

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New and returning students at Waverly Primary School will be greeted with a newly-landscaped building, thanks to a group of former Waverly educators and friends of the school.

Ann Oyer, Maryann Ramsey, Sheri Remy, and Ramsey's daughter, Sue Royster, recently spent about three or four days at the school, planting flowers and putting down mulch on either side of the front doors as well as weeding and mulching around the trees that lead up to the front entrance of the school. Maryann Ramsey's husband, Bob Ramsey, did all the rototilling for the group.

"We just wanted to come up here and get the building all spruced up on the outside," said Oyer, who is also a member of the Waverly City Schools Board of Education.

Oyer said the group wanted to do a community project as a present from those who used to work in that building and mentioned that the group has a special connection to the primary school. Oyer stated that it took 17 bags of mulch to complete the job, and the plants were purchased at Lowe's. They planted flowers for each season, she added.

Ashlee Stulley, principal at Waverly Primary School, said that she appreciates the work the former teachers put into the project.

"It looks wonderful," she added.

Oyer said they knew the school's staff was busy getting the inside of the school ready and would not have time to do all of the landscaping outside the building.

A project on the playground at Waverly Primary School is also being completed with new drainage pipes under the playground and a new walkway up a portion of the playground's hill to keep the kids from having to run through the dirt.

Oyer said that she and fellow board of education member John Boyer made a concerted effort to get the project going due to holes and problems with drainage.



Waverly Primary landscaping

Ann Oyer, member of the Waverly Board of Education and former educator, inspects some of the work that she and other former teachers and friends of Waverly Primary School recently completed in front of the building. The group planted flowers and mulched on either side of the front doors and put down mulch and weeded around the trees leading up to the building.

“Some days when it would rain, the children couldn’t go out and swing because there was water standing there,” Oyer explained.

Water running down the hill also caused ruts, and a new catch basin should help catch that water, as well.

“It becomes a safety issue when everything washes away, and it becomes messy, too,” Oyer said. “We wanted to do this for the health and the welfare and the safety of the boys and girls.”

The project, which was approved by the Waverly Board of Education, costs around \$12,000, according to Oyer, and is being completed by Wes Davis.