

## Valleyview's Tree Planting Project

During the week of October 18th, Valleyview's teachers and students rolled up their sleeves and got to work on tree planting! The Tree Planting Project's goals were to improve our schoolyard habitat and address climate action; in addition, the new trees enhance the improved AJ Spinola Athletic Fields.

The Project was a success due to the tremendous support of nearly 20 staff volunteers and over 100 students, including members of Valleyview's Builders Club, Student Green Team, STEAM Club, Girls Soccer Team, Boys Soccer Team, and Cross Country Team. After lots of laughs and hard work, we had six trees planted, ready to establish roots before fall closes out. The next time you drive by Valleyview, see if you can find the new pin oaks, eastern redbud, cherries, and red maple.

We'd like to thank our community supporters: Dave Sipple (Denville's Beautification Committee) for generously sharing his time and assistance, Denville's Green Sustainability Committee for the donation of the redbud, and Cerbo's Greenhouses of Parsippany for helping us select the perfect trees.

The Tree Planting Project was largely made possible through NJ Natural Gas' 2021 ["Picture This, Caption That!"](#) Energy Conservation Contest, which was won last year by Valleyview's Erin Nangle. The Contest provided \$1,000 for Valleyview to pursue an environmental project--this was a perfect fit!



