



Sylvia Bagby awarded Lowes Tool-Box for education grant



(L-R) Dr. Ed Osborn, Bobby Howard, Sylvia Bagby and Bob Seebeck. Sylvia proudly holds acceptance letter. (Photos by Paul Orosco - ONN)



The Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition worked together with Primary school teacher Sylvia Bagby to apply for a Lowes Tool-Box for Education grant in the past months. They were proud to receive notice of approval for the grant, which entitled Bagby to receive a check for \$5000 to use towards her outdoor classroom.

Through Lowe's Toolbox for Education® grant program, Lowe's is improving educational opportunities for children across the United States and helping to make our communities better places to live. Lowe's Toolbox for Education has contributed more than \$4 million in grants to nearly 1,000 schools in all 50 states.



The most successful educational programs are those that are homegrown. They reflect the schools they serve and fill their communities unique needs and interests.



Bagby has done a tremendous amount of work this past school year in beginning a gardening class and building an outdoor class garden with her students at the Okmulgee Primary. The project ties together history, social studies, math and science. Lessons are centered on planning the layout of the garden, projecting its yield, and predicting the effect of weather patterns on the crops.

The program has been a huge success despite a minor setback when the garden was vandalized. The community stepped up to replace the plants that were damaged and stolen. As you can see by the photos below, the garden is doing wonderful.

The check has already been deposited into the school budget account and will be used to continue her educational gardening program next year.