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**LOCAL BUSINESS IMPROVES SCHOOL WHILE TEACHING CLASS**

SAND SPRINGS, Okla. – August 21, 2006 – In a ceremony on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 8:30am at Anderson Elementary, 17501 W. Anderson Road, Sand Springs, OK, American Environmental Landfill (AEL) will dedicate the outdoor classroom, amphitheater, picnic tables, nature trails, ball field, and new septic system all provided by AEL and its Partners in Education.

Anderson Elementary School is a rural school that is often overlooked when it comes to improvements and maintenance needs. The school is funded like most schools through property taxes, federal funding, and grants.

However, when funds are short it is the kids that suffer. As a result, when AEL heard of the need for additional funds to complete a number of outdoor projects, AEL agreed to provide the means to complete the projects.

In addition, for years the school's waste and much of its sewage has been plumbed to a lagoon on site. In order to eliminate that health hazard and provide students a safe and clean environment, AEL has agreed to remove the lagoon and its waste off the school's property and replace it with a full service septic tank system the entire school can use as its new plumbing source. This creates a safer outdoor environment the school has wished for since its inception.

Additional benefits to the partnership is that AEL regularly offers tours of their state-of-the-art landfill facility, provides recycling containers on site at Anderson Elementary, matches every dollar earned on recycled items collected and donates it back to the school, and is an active part of the school's environmental curriculum.

“Because AEL is rated, according to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the most well maintained landfill in the State of Oklahoma, we are pleased to partner with them in order to educate the children on how to care for the environment,” stated Max Myers, Anderson Elementary Principal.

“Educating our kids on how to take care of the environment is one of the most important things we can teach them,” stated Kenneth Burkett, AEL's Owner. “And we are honored to be a part of Anderson Elementary School's curriculum through our educational, advocacy, and service programs.”

Cumulatively AEL's and its Partners in Education's contributions are valued at over \$50,000 to the school. American Environmental Landfill was purchased in 2000 by Kenneth Burkett. AEL is conveniently located off the Sand Springs Expressway, HWY 412, and N. 177th West Avenue. For more information on American Environmental Landfill call 918-245-7786 or visit [www.aelok.com](http://www.aelok.com).