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## Tile Wall of Character Installed at Burton Valley

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Photos provided

thumb print as a signature of the character pledge. The Wall unveiling will be at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

To learn more about the project, visit:

<http://www.burtonvalleypta.org/burton-valley-wall-of-character>.



Girl Scout Troop #32149 along with the Burton Valley PTA installed more than 500 tiles over the past couple of weekends as part of the Tile Wall of Character project at Burton Valley Elementary School. This wall is more than an artistic symbol of various students' work; every student who painted a tile demonstrated one of the six pillars of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship, and fairness) on their piece. They each filled out an order form with a story and/or drawing of how they demonstrated one or more of the pillars. Kids were very creative in coming up with ideas. Many students asked "new friends" to play or invited a student eating or playing alone to join them. This project built awareness about how these kids can make a difference with small deeds that are very meaningful. The tiles came out beautifully and the kids did an amazing job coming up with ideas to artistically communicate the six pillars. As part of this project, fifth-graders assisted preschoolers with their handprints and then added the big buddy thumb print (which was designed into an animal of choice). Each classroom designed its own tile (each grade given a pillar) then every student added their

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