

On behalf of the entire Sonoran Sky Community, I want to thank Arizona Rock Products Association for connecting our school with CEMEX. Their donation has been extremely helpful in building our new Outdoor Classroom. Every student at Sonoran Sky will benefit from this new learning space. We are very appreciative for all of your efforts in securing a donation for this project. This will surely make a huge impact on our school for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Sonoran Sky Elementary School

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### Outdoor Classroom Project 2014

Sonoran Sky Elementary School in Scottsdale, AZ is celebrating its 20 year anniversary in August 2014. In recognition of 20 years in the community, they wanted to roll out the Outdoor Classroom before they come back to school in the Fall. The outdoor space will be used to teach students about nature, Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts, and more. Community members have helped fund this project. ARPA member, CEMEX, donated the AB and Sand materials for the first Phase of this project. Pavestone donated the pavers and installation for this project.

#### Outdoor Classroom Progress

##### Phase I

Phase I was completed on April 22. It included a paver pad teaching space (40 feet x 30 feet) with 5 permanent tables on it. Each table will seat 8 students. There is extra room at the front of the class and the side to accommodate a movable white board, extra project space, and presentation space. Sonoran Sky had a Science Fair on April 22, Earth Day, to share student's science projects and preview the first phase of the Outdoor Classroom. Each student received a free packet of seeds. There was a table with ladybugs and worms. It is the beginning of a wonderful learning space.

##### Phase II

Phase II will be creating garden space. The school has recently installed a electrical lines for future electrical needs, three spigots for water, and 3 valves for irrigation. We have several draft layouts of what the space may look like. This is a work in progress and may need several revisions before it is completed. Estimated Completion: May 22, 2014

##### Phase III

Phase III will be the Amphitheater. We anticipate the Amphitheater will have seating for an entire grade level, or approximately 150 students. Estimated Completion: August 8, 2014

