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NEWS RELEASE

Students Plant Native Wildflowers to Attract Birds

(Columbus, GA)-Clubview Elementary is one of four elementary schools in Columbus participating in a new “hands-on” science enrichment program – Kids BirdWatch – presented by Columbus State University’s Environmental Learning Center at Oxbow Meadows. On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., seventy-five students from Clubview Elementary (2836 Edgewood Road) will plant native wildflowers to attract birds that drink nectar, including the ruby-throated hummingbird, a regular summer visitor to our area.

This year local and national businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies have contributed equipment, publications and supplies valued at over \$18,000 to help students learn. Included are contributions of 350 Lil Beginner hummingbird feeders from Perky Pet and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources donated 350 packets of Native Wildflowers seeds. Each student will receive their own packet of native wildflower seeds to continue feeding birds at home during the summer. Since February 2009, two-hundred-seventy-five fourth grade students from Columbus are participating in the Kids BirdWatch program.

For more information, on Kids BirdWatch, please call the Environmental Learning Center, Denise Morris, at (706) 687-4090, Clubview Elementary, (706) 565-3017, or e-mail communications@mcsdga.net.

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