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Ireland Borno, 3, of Wilkes-Barre, makes a sand art sculpture.

'Garden' back in kindergarten at Lands

The Lands at Hillside Farms has put the "garden" back in kindergarten with its newest educational program.

The Lands' Project KinderGarden has sparked interest from 38 kindergarten classes from Wilkes-Barre Area, Dallas, Lake-Lehman School District and the Wyoming Valley Montessori School to get students learning about gardening by experiencing it.

Headed by Christine Doherty, Project KinderGarden is funded through the Department of Agriculture's Healthy Farms/Healthy School initiative which encourages collaboration between Pennsylvania schools and their local farms. In addition to creating a garden for each school, Project KinderGarden focuses on teaching nutrition and healthy eating to area youth.

Chris Tweedy, The Lands at Hillside Farms' Director of Development, hopes the program will help students have a better understanding of where their food comes from and looks forward to it growing in coming years.

The program wrapped up with a family day on the farm on Saturday, May 31, where parents and educators were present to admire the gardening work of the students in the farm's on-site greenhouse.



Above, Fredrick Roskos, 7, of Dallas tries his luck at knocking over tin cans. At left, 4-year-old Rebekah Roskos, of Dallas, shows how bubbles are blown.



QUEEN

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co-owner of RoundTable Productions.

"Queen" Glogowski, dressed in a medieval costume she purchased from a costume store in East Stroudsburg, rode out onto the field on Frederick to the cheers of her students and faculty.

"Boys and girls, I would like to thank you so much for reading approximately 1,000 books in two weeks," Glogowski said after she took her throne.

Glogowski read a story to the students and thanked them for reading. First-grader Nicholas Vodzak handed her a rose.

"It wasn't anything like I expected," Glogowski said. "I was a nervous wreck on that horse, but the program was phenomenal," she said afterward. "Reading can take you to any place and time in history and this is just one way to explore it."

Near the end of last school year, Glogowski read a story to the children from atop the roof of the school as part of the Reading is Fundamental Program.



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Medieval costuming can get hot but Olivia Anderson has Lehman-Jackson kindergarten teacher Dana Laposky to help her cool off.



Lehman-Jackson fifth-grader Jeff Williams wonders if his coat of mail armor will hold up against Robert Earhart, a medieval actor, during a reading enrichment presentation at the school.

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