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Students celebrate with their decks after planting the tree.

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Skateboarders plant a tree

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Skateboarders planted a tree and learned more about what it takes to make skateboards when the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department recently hosted a Create A Skate program.

The program was created by Paul Schmitt, owner of Skateboard Deck Factory, the largest skateboarding manufacturing company in the United States. He created the program to teach students about the process used to make a skateboard.

One of the program's main goals is to demonstrate how a skateboard has appli-

cations for mathematics, science, language skills and design and engineering opportunities, all wrapped into a cooperative learning experience.

The class learned about the history of skateboarding, how skateboards are made, the lamination process and properties of wood.

They also planted a maple tree in recognition of all the trees that are cut down to make the boards.

The program is designed for schools, but Mikie Rudyk of the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department and Paulina Jimenez of the skatepark committee brought the program to the park.