Labyrinth Day at Buckman Elementary School By DC Donohue



On Friday May 9th 29 Buckman Elementary School third graders and a handful of their parents learned about the history, art and use of the labyrinth. Labyrinth Network Northwest member DC Donohue and third grade teacher Greg Clarkson orchestrated the introduction which featured slides of labyrinth designs, how to draw a simple labyrinth, the exuberant running of the chalk labyrinth pictured above, and a fantastic clay tile art project that will later be used to create fused glass labyrinths that the students will take home to hang in a window. For two and a half hours on Friday morning, all the eight year olds were engaged and responsive in this quest for understanding of the labyrinth.

DC chalked a labyrinth on the covered playground the evening before the event and watched with pleasure as the neighborhood kids tried it out, bouncing a ball all the way through.

"Every time I draw a labyrinth, people of all ages are drawn to it and just have to run right in to try

it out. It's pretty sweet to see this energetic response to the ancient symbol and it always reminds me why I'm doing this work."

For information on classroom introductions to the History, Art and Use of the Labyrinth by LNN members, contact DC Donohue at temenos13@aol.com.

DC Donohue is a founding member of Labyrinth Network Northwest. Her involvement with the labyrinth includes the annual Women's Dream Quest at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, creating laptop and canvas labyrinths and offering workshops on labyrinth walking, history and art.