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From left, second graders Isabella Rangulong, Sandra Alicea, Colin Driscoll and Aaron Laubach discuss their finds at their 'dig site' during a unique program at Memorial Park School last week. The "Diggin' Dinosaurs" event was presented by the Museum of Science and made possible via grant funding from the Rockland Education Foundation.

Digging for dinosaurs

Second Grade students at Memorial Park School were "Diggin' Dinosaurs" on Feb. 26 with Matt Pacewicz from the Museum of Science. The program was made possible thanks to a grant from the Rockland Education Foundation.

This in-school field trip allowed students to learn how paleontologists identify species of dinosaurs by looking at dinosaur footprints and fos-

sils. They discovered how fossils were formed, what they are made of, and then had the opportunity to "dig" for fossils. The children were excited to don safety glasses and try out other tools paleontologists use during fossil excavations. The classes participated in a question and answer session to end the production along with being able to touch real fossilized plants and animals.



Memorial Park second graders Eli Jones, Brandon Gallagher and Brianna Ruffin examine a fossil.



From front to back, Memorial Park students Matt Makarski, Jake Merzon, Michelle Ramoska and Matt McPartlin get a close up look of some real fossils.