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Carmel, Indiana School Starts Youth Cricket Program

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More than 350 students from grades 3-5 attended a day long cricket clinic at Prairie Trace Elementary School on May 23. Each grade had individual sessions and specific cricket skills to learn, while many teachers attended all of the clinics, and thus gained more knowledge about the game and the basics of cricket, which they can pass onto their students during Physical Education classes.

The school had many students who knew baseball very well but were not aware of cricket. They were all excited to learn and enjoyed playing cricket with their friends. Prairie Trace Elementary School is looking forward to building a youth cricket team with the help of Indiana Youth Cricket beginning in the 2012-13 school year.



Cathy Hardwick, PE teacher at Prairie Trace Elementary School, said:

"Thanks to Mr. Jatin Patel for the free cricket set and training provided, so that our school could learn more about the game. Cricket is exciting and we are all willing to learn more about this game. Mr. Patel provided a smooth transition between baseball and cricket. He asked the students to start with basic baseball drills and then turned them into cricket skills, which the children enjoyed. Most of us at school learned about cricket for the first time and it was impressive to see Mr. Patel and his young volunteer Mr. Ruwala performing live cricket demonstrations of basic skills.

Getting our students involved playing cricket with them helped many to understand the basics of cricket. Children usually learn faster in an environment where they have firsthand experience. This is just the beginning for our school and I will be happy to help with basic cricket training during PE classes year round. We all are excited and will keep up with this new game on a regular basis so students can learn more about this game.

We are sending information about cricket via the school newsletter so that they can contact Indiana Youth Cricket if they want their child to join the youth team. Future cricket coaching sessions for students will also help to improve their cricket skills.

I do appreciate your time and passion for the sport and hope that some of my student's families will contact Indiana Youth Cricket to be part of a team. Thanks again for the free equipment. I will definitely use it when I teach cricket in class."

