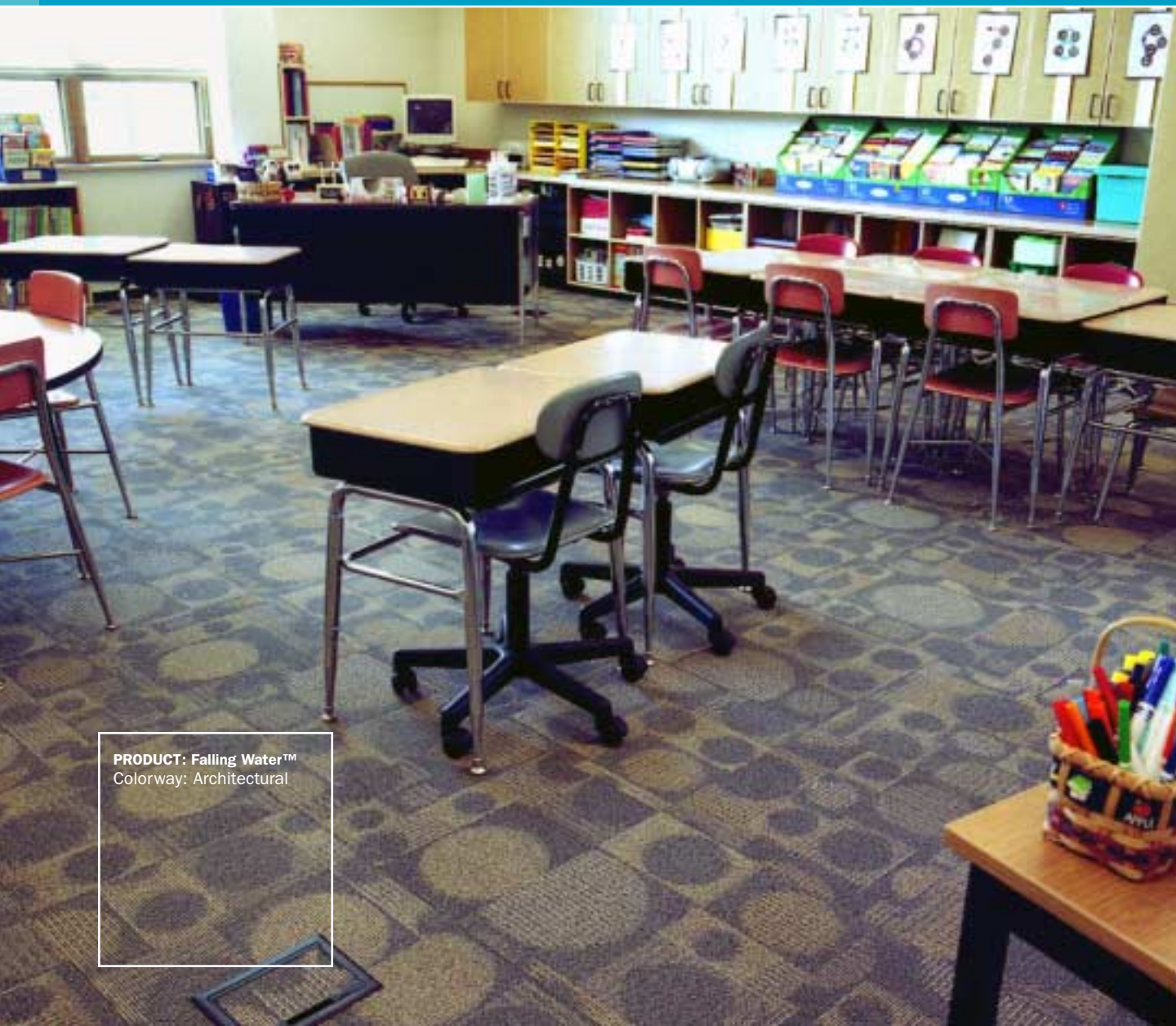


INTERFACE AT WORK
CLEARVIEW ELEMENTARY



PRODUCT: Falling Water™
Colorway: Architectural

Assignment: Provide high performance, LEED® compatible floorcovering for high traffic elementary school

Location: Hanover, PA

Architect: L. Robert Kimball

Installation: Re:Source Pennsylvania

Product: Falling Water™ from the Prairie School™ Collection



Because it captures dust and other allergens, Interface modular carpet can reduce airborne particulates by more than 50% when compared to hard surface floors.

When planning the new facility for Clearview Elementary, the Hanover Public School District decided that the school must be a LEED certified building. This was a first for the school system, so they called on architectural and civic engineering firm L. Robert Kimball to create the right specifications. Kimball's experience with LEED projects helped the school earn Gold level certification, but it was their experience with Interface® products that introduced the school system to the benefits of using modular carpet.

Architect John Boecker was sold on the products' performance and style, as well as the company's environmental initiatives. For Clearview Elementary, Kimball chose Interface's Falling Water™ modular carpet. He states, "At that time Falling Water had the highest total recycled content of Interface's modular products and aesthetically, we just loved the pattern. The dense construction ensured superior performance and the pattern's playful character seemed perfect for the elementary environment."

However, everyone on the school staff was not convinced. Principal Jo Bookwalter recalls a particularly fastidious Kindergarten teacher who had visions of stains and bad odors. Less than two weeks after moving into the building, the carpet was tested. "One of her students became ill and the teacher was very upset about the carpet. While she and the children waited in another room, a custodian came in and cleaned it up. Within half an hour, they were back in their regular classroom and there was no evidence that anything had happened to the carpet."

Interface modular carpet's sound absorbing qualities provide a quieter atmosphere in Clearview's library.



"The carpeting definitely adds to the warmer atmosphere in our classrooms. You don't have that hard tile sound. If something drops, you don't even hear it. It's just a warmer, homier environment."

Jo Bookwalter, Principal, Clearview Elementary

"We've been tracking what Interface has been doing since about 1996, and I'm not unequivocal about attributing much of what has developed or evolved in regard to sustainability in the carpet industry to the pioneering efforts of Ray Anderson and Interface."

John Boecker, Project Architect, L. Robert Kimball



Intersept® protects Interface carpet from the growth of a broad spectrum of molds, mildew and bacteria, providing enhanced indoor air quality.

Interface's moisture impermeable backing keeps spills on the surface where they can be easily cleaned but if necessary, a tile can easily be replaced with a new one. With the incorporation of Interface's proprietary antimicrobial preservative, Intersept®, the carpet is protected from the growth of a variety of molds, mildew and bacterial growth, ensuring a cleaner floor and enhanced Indoor Air



Interface modular carpet creates a warm, comfortable environment conducive to learning.

Quality. And there is no off-gassing with Interface modular carpet, eliminating the chemical odor associated with new carpeting. Easy maintenance, dense construction and an exceptionally stable backing allow Interface modular carpet to last longer than traditional roll carpet and offer better appearance retention – even with 230 K-4 students.

CHALLENGES

SOLUTIONS

• Products that support an environmental initiative	• Through efficient use of raw materials, use of recycled content and lifecycle planning, Interface offers “smarter” products with more sustainable options. Falling Water™ from Interface’s Prairie School™ Collection offers 51% total recycled content with 20% post-consumer.
• Promote consistently healthy Indoor Air Quality	• Intersept®, an EPA-registered antimicrobial permanently incorporated into the backing system of all Interface products, provides protection against a broad spectrum of molds, mildew and bacterial growth. All Interface floorcovering products meet the CRI Green Label and State of Washington Protocol for low VOC emissions. All Interface adhesive products are water based, contain “zero” calculated VOC’s and are compliant with the Southern Coast Air Quality Management specification (SCAQMD Rule #1168).
• High traffic areas that take heavy abuse from students and staff	• Our dense construction of premium branded, solution dyed nylon and our stable structured backings combine to provide exceptional dimensional stability, superior performance retention, ease of maintenance and the flexibility to change with the environment.
• Diverse applications require a flexible product with long-term value and superior performance	• The aesthetic and tactile qualities of carpet provide a welcoming, comfortable environment while absorbing sounds, reducing glare and reducing the incident of slips and falls.
• Create a warm, inviting environment that encourages study and concentration	• The structured backing of Interface modular carpet keeps spills and stains on the surface where they can be easily and effectively removed. In addition, Falling Water is enhanced with Protekt2®, providing a barrier against permanent soiling or staining.
• Flooring that is easily and economically maintained	• Interface will reclaim carpeting from any manufacturer for reuse, recycling or energy through the ReEntry® carpet reclamation program and guarantee that they will not end up in a landfill.
