

Summary of Green Schools Activities

Around the entire Dreyfoos campus there are outdoor spaces for students and faculty to use. During our lunch hour more students eat outside than in our cafeteria. Our teachers take classes outside to use our OASIS project (Celtic Earth Berm) to read and give lectures on. We have a garden where we are working on growing eatables and our green house is almost finished, which will house plants that can be used for dyes in our art classes as well as tea plants and eatables. Dreyfoos School of the Arts foundation and our environmental club is working to beautify the campus by planting more native plants around campus. One of our students Max Zengage has made it his personal mission to add eatables and butterfly gardens to our empty areas on campus.

All of our vending machines on campus distribute healthy snacks, and our cafeteria offers salads everyday. We have a gym and workout room, which is open to students and faculty alike. Films like "Food Inc." and many other films are shown in our science classes, which encourage more critical thinking in our consumption of goods. Many teachers have taken advantage of edline.net, posting assignments and reading online instead of passing out handouts. Our visual arts students are encouraged to reuse material before they open something new to use.

From art and science classes to different clubs on campus the environment is brought up and discussed. Our Critical Thinking class, taught by Scott Armetta, frequently discusses human relationship to the earth, and how our individual actions can impact the whole earth. Our English teacher Carly Gates uses our partnership with FAU to take her classes out on a fieldtrip to "Common Ground: Artist in the Everglades" and "Graphic Advocacy: International Posters in Digital Age" and had her students make ekphrastic poetry which comes from the shows connection between mankind and the environment. Her student's poetry was later put on display at the Schmidt Center Gallery at FAU. Our 3-D Artist in Residence Jade Henderson and Corey Daoust give assignments that are geared towards using recycled object/materials.

Our Administration has supported been supportive in our planting of native plants and building of our gardens and greenhouse, which all had to be approved by our principal. Our school hosts the Green Conference for the past few years. Dreyfoos School of the Arts aims to improve on our school's impact on the environment with every year.