

## **Part B - Summary**

Ben Gamla Charter school in Boynton Beach, FL is a great example of an emerging Green School. It participates in many outdoor and environmentally enriching activities. Ben Gamla also has a very strong community bond within our school, locally and worldwide.

Ben Gamla currently uses its outdoor spaces on a regular basis for exercise and enrichment. Before May 2015, Ben Gamla is building a raised bed garden. It will improve the school pick-up outdoor area and will be used as a learning lab for the students.

Ben Gamla is on the correct track regarding school sustainability. The whole school has lights on sensors and the students weekly assigned as door holder is also in charge of shutting the lights.

Ben Gamla is excelling in Green fundraising. Almost all our events flyers are emailed digitally to our families. Many of the fundraisers are offered online through a website. We also have many events where we gather outdoors as a community. We get exercise and promote well being at our school picnics, ice skating events, bowling events and even during our school daytime events like Tu B'Shvat tree celebration and Purim parade.

Ben Gamla has recycling programs in place for both paper and plastics and it has plans to add more items to recycle now that we have an account with Terra Cycle. We also have plans to build a garden in our after school pick up area and we plan to track the cars in the carpool line before and after the garden is built. We also have an upcoming field trip that we can walk to.

Ben Gamla incorporates many environmental issues into our curriculum. We also have great field trips that our students get tie their learning and research into.

We are very proud of our community involvement both within the school but also with local partners and worldwide partners! Ben Gamla has annual contracts with partners.

Creating this application has created a strong bond with our Green Team of parent volunteers and our Ben Gamla staff. Our school mission statement says we are a "community of learners" which is very obvious with the partnership between the families and staff that have worked together on this application. And we are all excited to work together to grow and become a better Green school.