

Part B: Summary of Green School Activities

When thinking of a model Green School, Bessey Creek Elementary has been involved with "Green" initiatives since it opened in 1996. We have initiated several programs including:

- Yearly, 2nd grade students work with Garden Club of Stuart members to maintain our campus Butterfly Garden and perform an Arbor Day Program with tree planting .
- All grade levels study and produce an aspect of plant growth and reproduction.
- 5th grader Leia Hopkins, "Grand Prize Winner" for the "Growums Contest at the Martin County Fair (2/21/15) growing the tallest tomato Plant ever recorded-over 4 feet.
- Purchased two new hydroponic gardens by our Extended Day students and staff.

BCE Team Green Club, a student led, school-wide recycling program initiated in 2009, emphasizes student service and education through a club format. This program includes:

- 30 student members, both typical peers and students with autism and other disabilities, in an effort to provide opportunities for exceptional students to socially interact with typical peers, uniting them through a common goal of recycling.
- Student members who give up their recess each week to pick up recycled paper, plastic, cardboard across campus. Have reduced trash by 1/3 and doubled recycling efforts.
- Promoting awareness through parent newsletters, BCE TV News, classroom visits, posters, and informational emails by our new 5th grade Team Green Ambassadors.
- Boosterthon Fun Run (10/1/14)– PTA Fundraiser for Health and Wellbeing
- Programs –"Men in Plaid: Energy Program" by Kilowatt Connection (10/27/14), America Recycles Day (11/14/14), Earth Day Spirit Day Program-(4/10/15)
- Visitors -Teresa Chandler from Waste Management(2/12/15)
- Sharing Table: juice, milk, and other unopened items during lunch(12/2014)
- Terracycle: Yearly collection of Frito Lay Pouches earning \$500 for our school
- Yearly recycling: Used ink cartridges and old electronics
- Yearly recycling: Gently used books and clothing for our 4Cs initiative
- Yearly Collection of plastic bottle caps for "Caps of Love" (11/2014) and old sneakers for "Dunk Your Kicks" ((1/2014) both are used to raise money for charities.
- Conducted SchoolPool Survey and reduced car line traffic.
- Organizing "2015 PTA 5 STAR" Literacy initiative-made 1,841 book marks with recycled items – raising \$3,682 for literacy education in Africa, Mali, and Indonesia.(1/28/15)
- Raising \$1600 for Charity Water providing clean drinking water to people in Ethiopia (2/14/14).
- Volunteered Recycling Services on Sat. 2/28/15 at Jensen Beach High School for Music in Our Schools Program
- Raising \$377 for the Martin and St. Lucie River Coalition (6/3/14) to save our rivers from the dangerous discharges coming from Lake Okeechobee. Will do again in (June 2015)
- Yearly Trash Clean up at Kiwanis Park (5/15/14). Will again in(May 2015)
- Used Textbook Collection for Children in Africa (June 2014). Will again in (June 2015)