

Part B- Summary of Green School Activities

Coral Reef Elementary School is proud to be considered for a distinguished honor as a 2014-15 Green School. We took on our green school initiatives with great enthusiasm with the idea being welcomed from everyone starting with a motivated parent, Marlo Scott, and administration, Principal Bobbi Moretto, all the way to teachers and students. Part of Coral Reef's vision is to promote "lifelong learning" and "success in the global community." Teaching the students green behaviors, and how to live a green lifestyle will help protect the quality of life we all enjoy today by enriching the environment and promoting sustainability.

We were galvanized by the excitement early on in the school year as students came back to school to see supplies already waiting for them, thanks to Educational Products, Inc. (EPI) and their back -to -school rewards program. We created a green movement, which was rolled out in the month of November. Our art teacher, Chris Matheson, donated her time and supplies, and produced adorable green pins for our Green Police. Every class appoints two Green Police as ambassadors to help their classmates and teachers to be as GREEN as possible by shutting off lights, LCD projectors, computers, recycling papers, and conserving water. Our newly formed committee is called Dolphins Care and our motto is "Coral is the New Green." We attended the Learn Green Conference, promoted a "Walk to School Day", held a Field Day, full of exercise and healthy snacks, and had our 10th annual walk-a-thon- with the winning team just happening to be the GREEN team! Working with a local non-profit charity, Hugs and Kises, Inc., we held a button collection that was a huge success. We promoted the Food for Families food drive and Red Ribbon Week activities. We have vast curriculum integration of green studies that reach across all grades and into after care.

We applied to Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. in the hopes of receiving a grant so that our school could finally receive the much needed shade trees for our backyard area. We were not awarded the grant but a parent/SAC member volunteered to give us the funds for five trees to get the ball rolling toward our goal of ten trees. Our principal worked with the county and community partners to start the project and seven trees were planted on February 6th. Our teachers are working hard to incorporate green and environmentally sound lesson plans into the curriculum, and they are gearing up for fun, and innovative Earth Day activities. We have some like-minded, community partners currently, and look forward to reaching out to community partners as we continue our endeavors to become a Green School, and promote green, sustainable, and healthy living.