

## Part B Summary of Green School Activities

Grassy Waters Elementary School is proud to be a GREEN school. Administrators, staff, and faculty work tirelessly to create a sustainable learning environment and facilitate numerous learning opportunities that build earth-conscious and environmentally active students. We push beyond the school campus walls, as students take what they learn and share it with their families at home. Together, we strive to build a more sustainable, earth-wise community for generations to come.

Students are involved in every aspect of campus grounds enhancement, including the development and maintenance. Our outdoor learning space has recently been upgraded. Our Teaching Gardens now consist of the Parliament Fruit and Veggie Garden, Flutterby Habitat and Butterfly Garden, and Hoot's Aeroponic Garden. Striving for GREEN, even the outdoor classroom tables added this year are made from recycled plastic!

Sustaining a GREEN environment is a component that specifically requires each and every member on our campus. We currently recycle and reuse paper, plastic, card board, glue sticks, print cartridges, cell phones, clothing, and shoes, among other items. Maintaining these efforts requires school-wide assistance. Students play a large part, sorting and recycling these items. Our water and electricity usage is tracked and reported school-wide by our Student Council. Our parent pick-up and drop-off lane is a No-Idling Zone. GREEN fundraising takes place throughout the year, including the sales of Smencils and Grow-Ums. Healthy eating and active lifestyles are taught through student practices, including the addition of a Sharing Table in the Student Café this year and through project based learning within our Parliament Fruit and Veggie Garden.

Curriculum integration is key in implementing the GREEN initiative on campus. Teachers use a number of engaging lesson plans that include everything from topics like wind energy, to distinguishing between different types of native plants, to healthy eating habits. Lesson plans are often teacher created and inspired by our numerous GREEN curriculum resources on campus. Curriculum resources include American Heart Association, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Whole Foods KIDS, Solid Waste Authority, Florida Health, and many more. Community members and organizations, including student families and local business partners (like Whole Foods), work with Grassy Waters Elementary School to build on classroom lessons and reach outside of the campus parameters.

Our school's GREEN team plays a critical role in the vision and carried out implementation of campus-wide GREEN practices. Team members (including Administration) bring a plethora of resources and ideas to the table, and from there a "plan of improvement" is created. Environment is part of not only our school philosophy, but implemented school-wide through our Positive Behavior Support implementation. Professional development is employed and teacher feedback is used to provide additional, appropriate supports to ensure GREEN initiative success. We pride ourselves on developing the whole child, through innovating, impactful learning opportunities that create empathetic and active young people.