

Part B. Summary of 2014/15 Green School Activities

This year Jupiter Farms Community Elementary School has been busy adding new green initiatives and maintaining existing ones. We are becoming greener every day.

African Keyhole Garden: Mrs. Wenst's 2nd grade class with the help of Master Gardener, Mrs. Dottie Wisch and parent volunteers have replanted the garden and upgraded their gardening system by planting tomatoes in bales of hay to save room and a better growing experience. They have also enlarged the butterfly garden by adding more plants and maintaining the existing ones. The produce being grown is being donated to El Sol Community Resource Center in Jupiter; along with donating their plants to El Sol's garden at the end of the school year. They have also traded seeds throughout the year.

JFCES SACC Aftercare and Summer Camp:

The ***SACC Summer Camp 2015*** will be teaming up with the ***Audubon Society*** to teach basic birding skills to the campers during the summer program. The campers will be making bird feeders and hanging bird seed stars from gelatin and bird seed formed in cookie cutter molds.

SACC classes have planted milkweed plants in their garden area in order to attract more monarchs and their life cycle. We are awaiting the new name they will be giving to their garden area.

Our JFCES SACC Summer camp purchased the programs of Zumba and Yoga to include as part of their summer program. SACC Summer camp also does units on Water and Fire safety during their programs.

In our JFCES SACC aftercare a program that is used is called "***Give 'Em a Boost***" in which lesson plans includes a physical element, a healthy cooking activity and character education.

Green Fundraising PTO is raising funds through a **Color Run**. This promotes a healthy lifestyle, time out as a family and you can use one of your own shirts instead of buying one; which promotes recycling. **Shop-A-Roo** receipt program raises funds for schools using the everyday purchases made by a family instead of making special purchases. The PTO and Jupiter Farms Community sponsor this program through their Facebook page and use social media to spread the word of monetary support without unnecessary spending.

FUNRaising: Greets parents, students and visitors at the front of our school and also street side. This fundraising activity helps by collecting shoes, clothes and other textiles and pays us for them. This charitable-giving program recycles used shoes, reducing the burden of these shoes on our local landfill. Currently we have collected over 4.5 tons of textiles. Using money from our FunRaising collections bins we purchased 2 2-tier Lechuza water monitoring planters for our atrium area. Ms. Drolet's 2 2nd grade science classes planted them with Hummingbird sage, pineapple sage, fern leaf dill, lemon balm, basil, rosemary, spearmint, German thyme, coleus and zinnias. There is not a lot of direct sunlight so we researched plants that would grow with 6 or less hours of light. We wanted to some more plant life and color to our entrance that is ever-changing due to our new security advancements.

The PTO raised money with matching funds given by local business to fund the building of a track for the students to run on in the back field of the school. The "Panther Pass" track was dedicated on February 6th, 2015 after the completion of the track. There was a reward of a limo ride and lunch for the 5 highest fundraisers.

A push to end using disposable plastic silverware in the teacher dining room; along with paper cups and Styrofoam cups for coffee happened this school year. The Green Team purchased a hanging mug rack for the teacher dining room and teachers & staff are encouraged to B.Y.O.M (Bring Your Own Mug). Mugs are turned in at the dish window, washed and hung back on the mug rack. Many staff donated extra mugs for visitors to use. Dishwasher safe BPA free plastic tumblers were purchased to be used by staff during lunch time. Also, local Goodwill stores were shopped for real silverware and purchases were made to end the use of disposable plastic utensils.