

Summary of 2014-2015 Green School Activities

At Jupiter Middle School of Technology we continue to work very hard to maintain our Green School of Excellence status. After many years along this journey of going **green** it seems as though everything has fallen into place.

In the category of **School Grounds Enhancement**, we are preparing to open another section of our outdoor classroom in the natural area that borders our school. Our Autism class had a raised bed put in by the Kiwanis Club and also painted a floral mural outside their room. The circle around our flagpole and small beds on campus were re-landscaped by our Civics Teacher in collaboration with the PTO. We have plans for an Earth Day butterfly garden restoration project and cafeteria beautification.

In the category of **School Sustainability**, we recycle paper, plastics, cell phones, ink cartridges, small electronics, shoes, bottle caps, and clothing. We “up-cycle” glue sticks and writing instruments through Terracycle. We hosted our second Wellness Fair in November and have a couple **green** fundraisers at school. We work to reduce paper use by using white boards in class and send more things electronically.

In the category of **Curriculum Integration**, our Art class use nature as inspiration and participate in the Town of Jupiter Drop Savers t-shirt design contest. Our Health teacher incorporates lessons on recycling and healthy living. In Spanish, students use articles and info-graphs about recycling to improve literacy. In Culinary, students prepare food from our garden.

In the category of **Community Involvement**, students have many opportunities for community service. They work together with organizations on our Wetlands Clean-up and Wellness Fair. Volunteers from Harvest Treasure and Juice Plus regularly work with students in our garden. We host 4 beach clean-ups at Coral Cove Beach annually.

In the category of **Administrative Support**, our administration makes sure **green** practices are taking place school wide. They support **green** Professional Development. Recycling is in our School-wide Matrix of Behavior Expectations. Our Principal was an integral part of opening the natural areas so our students could get outside and learn. The use of our wetlands is part of our School Improvement Plan. We share our success through Edline, email blasts, announcements, field trips to our school, and newspaper articles. We are very proud of our **green** status.

In the category of **Innovation**, we welcome our guests to our Wellness Fair with students dressed as a banana and a carrot. We also hand out free fruits and vegetables at the Fair. We host free yoga as well. Our Spanish class, raised \$600 to buy 4 llamas and students learned about what a difference 1 llama makes to an Andean family. We have a Dad's Club that helps with projects on campus, too.