

## **PART B: SUMMARY OF GREEN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

L.C. Swain Middle School is applying to be recognized as a Green School. Current practices on campus include reusing and recycling paper and other resources on campus. We intend to increase awareness about recycling both on and off campus and to impress on students, staff and parents the importance of reducing waste in order to help our environment.

We will officially form our "Green Team" which will include teachers, staff, students and parents alike who are willing to actively work towards sustaining our environment by taking the steps necessary to reduce, reuse and recycle. We have been working towards the reduction of paper consumption at our school, by using Edline, Parent Link, and other online notification and reminder options. Our goal is to introduce and implement a green based curriculum which will focus on the environment.

We will work towards the recycling of plastic bottles on our campus by having bins located all across the school in order to have both staff and students place empty water and drink bottles in the assigned receptacles. We intend to have the bottles and juice pouches picked up by Terracycle in order to earn funds for our school.

We plan to host a monthly "Green Day" at our school. One of our school uniform colors is green, so with a Green Day, we intend to bring awareness to staff, students and parents by asking them to wear green and bring in their recyclables to a designated area of our school. We will print signs to be posted in strategic places on the school grounds, several days ahead to remind everyone of the upcoming Green Day. We will also post the upcoming Green Day information on our marquee located on Lake Worth Road.

Administration will play its part by encouraging teachers to attend the Learn Green Conference and the Green National Schools Conference. Teachers can then use this knowledge to incorporate into their lesson plans and help students to become aware of their role and the impact they can have by taking measured steps towards prioritizing our environment.

Our students currently play their part by being involved in our schools' Recycling Club. Our Recycling Club meets every Thursday after school where they pick up and empty the recycle bins all across the campus. The activities of this group will be expanded to include the emptying, sorting, recording and packaging of other recyclable items to the appropriate receptacles for fundraising. They will also create video clips that will appear on the morning announcements. The intent of the videos will be to help educate all our students on the correct items to be recycled and bring awareness to the schools' recycling efforts.

L.C. Swain is currently reusing, reducing and recycling. We would like to be recognized as a Green School and obtain the proper receptacles with which to dispose of the materials so they can be purposed to their respective locations. We are working towards increasing our current recycling efforts so our students, staff, and parents can become conscious environmental citizens who make taking care of our environment a priority.