

Loggers' Run is a great green school! Here at Loggers' Run Middle School we are all working so hard to maintain our green school of quality. The great part about this, is that we all have fun doing so. From teachers to students to café staff to custodians, all of us here at Loggers' Run do all we can to continue our green model school. This is a hard yet fun and extremely fulfilling for everyone involved.

With the efforts of our Loggers' Run Middle School students and staff along with our community leaders, we will strive to achieve a school of excellence! We all know that being a school of excellence requires a lot more work but we feel we are ready!

The Green schools movement is alive and well here at Loggers' Run Middle School. The LRMS Green Team have partnered with the City of Boca Raton to host our 3rd annual Beach Cleanup. Students from our environment club, National Junior Honor Society, Student Government, History Club all came out and helped clean our beautiful but littered beaches. Even students who were not in any particular club came out to help out in this fun event. It was a largest turn out yet! Many of our teachers including Ms. Statopolus, Mrs. Corbiecero, Mr. Malavar, Mrs. Guili, Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Esola and even many of our parents came out to help and chaperone! Mrs. Esola brought goodies like donuts and fruit and water for the participants.

We invited local community leaders to join in the efforts to help keep our beaches clean. Susan Elliot from the City of Boca Raton Gumbo Limbo Center and Mickey Gomez who is the Director of Boca Raton Parks and Recreation came out to speak to our students on the importance of keeping our beaches clean and helping to sustain healthy sea life.

(Beach Cleanup Photo's)

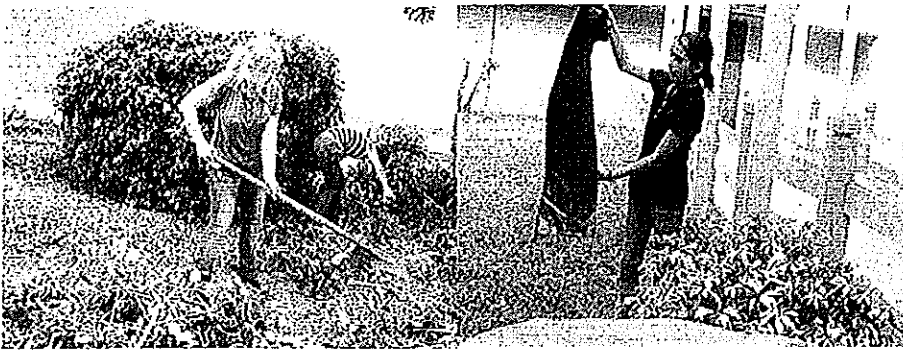


We also hosted our 3rd annual Earth Day clean up at the Youth Activity Center located in Boca Raton. This is an afterschool program for lower income families. We helped with cleaning up the garden area and planted annuals and perennials to brighten up the facility. The flowers were donated by our NJHS Club. Thanks Mrs. Gates!

Our Loggers' Run teachers celebrated Earth Day by having students write about how they can help save our Earth. Thank you to Mrs. Ferrer in the science department for the wonderful ideas and essays! The essays were displayed around our school reminding students and staff to keep our school and earth clean.

In September our Green Team went back to planting herbs only. We planted basil, thyme, rosemary and oregano to name a few. Last year we planted tomatoes, lettuce, and carrots. We collectively felt that we had a better crop with all herbs and our culinary guru teacher Mr. Webster was able to utilize all the herbs during class time.

(Herb Garden Photo)



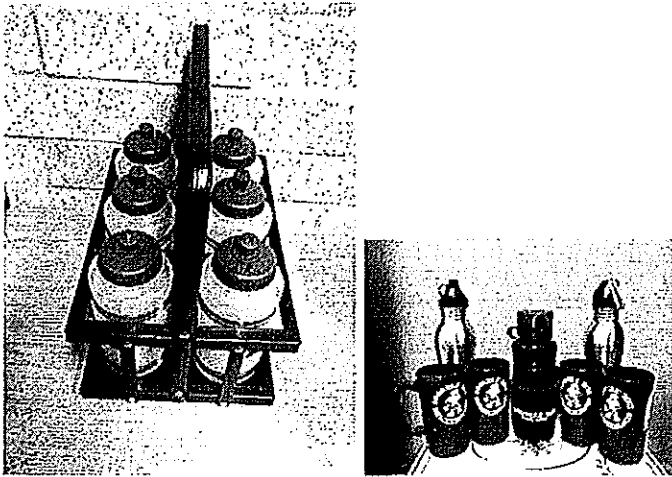
Our Principal Mr. Francis Giblin was kind enough to order our new outdoor tables and chairs for our outdoor garden. These tables and chairs are used to hold outside classes and for our staff to lunch outdoors and view the beautiful herbs and flowers that bloom compliments of our Green Team headed by Mrs. Esola.

(Picture of tables)



In October our ESE department headed by Debbie Ganguzza held a flea market. We had many vendors who attended the event. We had tons of reusable clothing to homeopathic soap to wash your clothes with. The Green Team handed out recycled Loggers' Run water bottles and spoke to our guests on the importance of recycling and the pros of going green at home and at school/work!

(Picture of recycled water bottles)

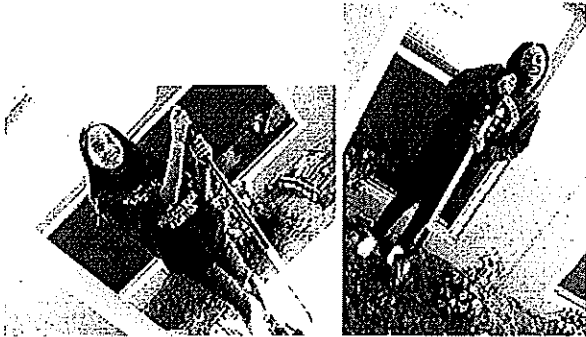


(Picture of flea market)



Our shrubs and plantings all around our outside concretables (portables) are looking great! Our green team planted shrubs around the outside of our portables. This helped with making our school even more beautiful and helped to enhance our green attitude here at Loggers' Run.

(Picture of shrubs by portables)



The Something Green Team was encouraged to have an eco-fundraiser by selling Equal Exchange organic and fair trade items. They set up a booth at the Boca Green Market and one in our café at Loggers' Run. The students explained the many different and unique ideas on how to keep a green house.

(Picture of ecofriendly items)



Loggers' Run Middle School attended the Green School Conference at Dryfoss High School. This annual event teaches us many different ideas on how to reach our goal as a school of excellence.

Mrs. Gomez decorated a bulletin board in teacher planning reminding our staff on how to stay green in the classroom and at home! Most teachers placed classroom suggestions on yellow sticky notes on how they stay green in their classrooms. This also gives other teachers ideas on how to continue to stay green.

(Green Bulletin Board)



Loggers' Run Middle School is working on a major school beautification project along with our PTSA and local Eagle Scouts. We hope to accomplish the following:

- Beautification of our herb garden.
- Outside butterfly garden

1. School Ground Enhancement

A. Outdoor Learning Labs/ Structures

At Loggers' Run Middle School, the use of school grounds as a learning environment is greatly stressed. We have several areas for outdoor learning to take place. We have several pavilions located in the back of our school with tables and chairs. Many of our language arts teachers and reading teachers take advantage of the outdoor space. They bring their students to enjoy the lovely Florida weather and learn at the same time. Many of the teachers have expressed to me that when the classes are outside, the teachers are able to teach more and discipline less.

We also have a new outdoor herb garden with tables and chairs. We have installed an overhead projector there for optimal learning. We also placed a podium out there for teachers to use as an instructional device.

