

Summary of Green Schools Activities (Part B)

As a two time "Green School of Promise", South Intensive has established itself as the "Greenest" Alternative Education site in Palm Beach County. With continuous innovative efforts from the entire South Intensive family we are looking forward to taking the next step to becoming a "Green School of Excellence." From recycling paper and plastics, to growing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, to beautifying our campus, to cleaning up the surrounding area in our community, to performing beach clean ups, South Intensive is taking the necessary steps to becoming excellent in green.

Our recycling program reached new heights this school year. Along with our normal recycling of paper, plastics and milk cartons, South Intensive partnered up with Dade Recycling and began recycling used electronics. This effort also served as a fund raiser for our school. Dade Recycling will pay for all electronics recycled from our school. Our "Green Team" continues to service the school by emptying all recycle bins and working in the gardens at school. Students who meet behavioral expectations are selected as members of the "Green Team". "Green Team" members promote positive behavior around campus and are leaders in the classroom as well.

The main attraction at South Intensive is our wonderful gardens. Gardening has become a way of life at South Intensive. Gardening offers our students a hands on experimental learning opportunities in a wide array of disciplines, including the natural and social sciences, math and nutrition. Green Team members have worked really hard this year in our gardens. The first batch of crops planted this year did not grow very well. Green Team members continued planting and nurturing the gardens and the hard work has paid off. Our gardens are currently thriving and looking great!

With a new administration comes a certain level of uncertainty. However, our former Principal, Mr. Williams was very supportive of our Green School efforts. Mr. Williams promoted the green initiative by having beautiful plants and flowers planted all around our campus. Students and parents took notice and appreciated our efforts to make South Intensive look like a "normal school". Green Team members have been working overtime to keep our campus clean and beautiful.

Our 2014-2015 green school initiative is to conduct beach clean ups in Lake Worth, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach. Most of our students live in these communities and want to do something to help their neighborhood. Our students will receive community service hours through the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, for their effort in cleaning up the beaches. The first beach clean up is scheduled for April 4, 2015. With great dedication from students, staff and community, South Intensive will continue to be the "Greenest" Alternative Education site in Palm Beach County.